

**CONTROLLING OFFICER'S REPLY TO
INITIAL WRITTEN QUESTION**

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Question:

What is the completion date of the Stonecutters Bridge of Route 8 between Tsing Yi and Cheung Sha Wan? Will this project be completed later than the original anticipated completion date? What is the reason for the delay? What is the additional cost arising from the delay in the completion of the project?

Asked by: Hon. CHEUNG Hok-ming

Reply:

During the construction of the west bridge tower foundation of the Stonecutters Bridge, we encountered unforeseeable geological conditions which necessitated the amendment of the design of the tower foundation. In addition, we also encountered inclement weather conditions in the past few years. As such, after a series of reviews, including the latest one conducted after the summer of 2008, we revised the completion date of the Stonecutters Bridge from June 2008 to the third quarter of 2009.

The additional cost arising from the delay is around \$60 million and is covered by the contingency provision for the project.

Signature _____

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