

NOTE FOR PUBLIC WORKS SUBCOMMITTEE OF FINANCE COMMITTEE

**Supplementary information on
365TH - Castle Peak Road improvement between
Area 2 and Sham Tseng, Tsuen Wan
553TH - Castle Peak Road improvement between
Sham Tseng and Ka Loon Tsuen, Tsuen Wan**

INTRODUCTION

When Members considered paper PWSC(2000-01)88 on **365TH** – “Castle Peak Road improvement between Area 2 and Sham Tseng, Tsuen Wan”, and **553TH** – “Castle Peak Road improvement between Sham Tseng and Ka Loon Tsuen, Tsuen Wan” at the Public Works Subcommittee meeting on 14 February 2001, the Administration undertook to provide information on -

- (a) the number of mature trees to be felled; and
- (b) the patronage of the beaches affected by the projects.

THE ADMINISTRATION'S RESPONSE

2. Although it is difficult to ascertain the precise age of trees by non-destructive methods, we estimate that trees with diameter greater than 30 centimeters will be more than ten years old. There are about 850 such trees affected by the projects, 700 of which will be felled and 150 of which will be transplanted. We will at the same time plant some 72 000 new trees of a wide range of varieties along the widened road sections. We will also undertake extensive landscaping along the road corridor. We envisage that such beautification measures will enhance the environment along the road.

3. The estimated number of beach-goers of the beaches affected by the projects in year 2000 is given in Enclosure 1.

**Estimated number of beach-goers of the beaches
affected by the projects in year 2000**

Name of beach affected by the projects	Jan	Feb	Mar	Apr	May	Jun	Jul	Aug	Sep	Oct	Nov	Dec	Total
Approach Beach*	1 100	990	850	810	830	1 170	1 220	1 190	1 250	1 320	930	1 090	12 750
Ting Kau Beach*	620	620	660	700	690	890	940	930	940	970	720	830	9 510
LidoBeach	4 090	3 450	2 420	1 040	4 750	12 680	8 840	2 760	2 010	4 240	850	1 060	48 190
Casam Beach	920	1 020	360	280	1 040	2 280	1 240	440	470	970	210	120	9 350
Hoi Mei Beach	440	150	220	260	210	470	490	300	270	180	190	220	3 400
Gemini Beach	80	50	70	110	70	50	60	60	20	30	0	0	600
Anglers' Beach*	2 040	1 670	1 570	1 940	1 910	1 810	1 730	1 490	2 720	1 750	1 300	1 900	21 830
Total	9 290	7 950	6 150	5 140	9 500	19 350	14 520	7 170	7 680	9 460	4 200	5 220	105 630

* Beaches closed for swimming due to poor water quality.