

**Replies to supplementary verbal and written questions  
raised by Finance Committee Members  
in examining the Estimates of Expenditure 2005-06**

**Director of Bureau : Secretary for the Environment, Transport and Works**

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

Reply Serial No.

S-ETWB(T)01

Head : 60 Highways Department    Subhead (No. & title) :

Question Serial No.

S75

Programme : (2) District and Maintenance

Controlling Officer : Director of Highways

Director of Bureau : Secretary for the Environment, Transport and Works

Question : Please provide details of the pedestrian schemes to be carried out in various districts in 2005-06, including the project title, project estimate as well as the project commencement and completion dates.

Asked by : Hon. LAU Sau-shing, Patrick

Reply : The details of the pedestrian schemes to be carried out in various districts in 2005-06 are as follows-

Project Title	Project Estimate (\$million)	Estimated Expenditure in 2005-06 (\$million)	Commence-ment Date	Completion Date
<b>Central</b>				
Elgin Street	1.00	0.50	October 2004	October 2005
Peel Street	1.00	0.50	October 2004	October 2005
Staunton Street	1.00	0.50	October 2004	October 2005
Queen's Road Central	5.00	1.20	November 2005	December 2006
	<b>Sub-total</b>	<b>2.70</b>		
<b>Wan Chai</b>				
Johnston Road near Luard Road	0.46	0.46	March 2005	June 2005
Johnston Road near Fleming Road	0.48	0.48	May 2005	August 2005
Jaffe Road near O'Brien Road	0.26	0.26	June 2005	August 2005
	<b>Sub-total</b>	<b>1.20</b>		

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<b>Project Title</b>	<b>Project Estimate (\$million)</b>	<b>Estimated Expenditure in 2005-06 (\$million)</b>	<b>Commence-ment Date</b>	<b>Completion Date</b>
<b>Causeway Bay</b>				
Lockhart Road and East Point Road	2.44	0.50	July 2005	May 2006
	<b>Sub-total</b>	<b>0.50</b>		
<b>Jordan</b>				
Nanking Street	1.80	0.20	November 2004	February 2006
Pilkem Street	1.50	0.80	June 2005	February 2006
	<b>Sub-total</b>	<b>1.00</b>		
<b>Sham Shui Po</b>				
Fuk Wa Street	2.50	1.40	January 2005	November 2005
Apliu Street	4.00	0.20	November 2003	November 2005
	<b>Sub-total</b>	<b>1.60</b>		
	<b>Total</b>	<b>7.00</b>		

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Name in block letters \_\_\_\_\_ **MAK CHAI KWONG** \_\_\_\_\_

Post Title \_\_\_\_\_ **Director of Highways** \_\_\_\_\_

Date \_\_\_\_\_ **16 April 2005** \_\_\_\_\_

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Reply Serial No.

S-ETWB(T)02

Head : 60 Highways Department    Subhead (No. & title) :

Question Serial No.

S79

Programme : (4) Technical Services

Controlling Officer : Director of Highways

Director of Bureau : Secretary for the Environment, Transport and Works

Question : Regarding Reply Serial No. ETWB(T)020 (Question Serial No. 1412), the Administration indicates that it will carry out 60 projects to improve streetscape, provide more greening and lighting fixtures, as well as carry out landscaping works. Please list the locations, nature and costs of these projects.

Asked by : Hon. WONG Kwok-hing

Reply : A table showing the locations, nature and costs of the projects to be carried out in 2005-06 is attached at Annex.

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Name in block letters    MAK CHAI KWONG

Post Title    Director of Highways

Date    16 April 2005

**Table showing pedestrian schemes and streetscape improvement items for 2005-06**

<b>Project Title</b>	<b>Project Estimate (\$million)</b>	<b>Estimated Expenditure in 2005-06 (\$million)</b>
<b>(I) Pedestrian Schemes</b>		
<b>Central</b>		
Elgin Street	1.00	0.50
Peel Street	1.00	0.50
Staunton Street	1.00	0.50
Queen's Road Central	5.00	1.20
	<b>Sub-total</b>	<b>2.70</b>
<b>Wan Chai</b>		
Johnston Road near Luard Road	0.46	0.46
Johnston Road near Fleming Road	0.48	0.48
Jaffe Road near O'Brien Road	0.26	0.26
	<b>Sub-total</b>	<b>1.20</b>
<b>Causeway Bay</b>		
Lockhart Road and East Point Road	2.44	0.50
	<b>Sub-total</b>	<b>0.50</b>
<b>Jordan</b>		
Nanking Street	1.80	0.20
Pilkem Street	1.50	0.80
	<b>Sub-total</b>	<b>1.00</b>

<b>Project Title</b>	<b>Project Estimate (\$million)</b>	<b>Estimated Expenditure in 2005-06 (\$million)</b>
<b>Sham Shui Po</b>		
Fuk Wa Street	2.50	1.40
Apliu Street	4.00	0.20
	<b>Sub-total</b>	<b>1.60</b>
	<b>Total</b>	<b>7.00</b>
<b>(II) Streetscape Improvement</b>		
Footpath Reconstruction at Parkes Street, Jordan	2.00	0.40
Provision of Staircase Cover for Subway Across Cheung Sha Wan Road at Pei Ho Street and at Kweilin Street, Sham Shui Po	4.50	0.30
Improvement works to footpath around the Hammer Hill Road Park, Diamond Hill	2.30	1.50
Reconstruction of paving footway at Perth Street, Ho Man Tin	1.50	1.30
Reconstruction of footpath with paving blocks at Mody Square, Tsimshatsui	0.95	0.65
Reconstruction of footpath with paving blocks at Nathan Road between Salisbury Road and Austin Road (Northbound), Tsimshatsui	1.67	1.50
Reconstruction of footway at Waterloo Road (Northbound) section between Essex Crescent and York Road, Kowloon Tong	1.20	1.00
Reconstruction of footpath with paving blocks at Sai Yee Choi Street South Street between Mong Kok Road and Prince Edward Road West, Mongkok	1.00	0.90
Reconstruction of footpath with paving blocks at Nullah Road between Nathan Road and Prince Edward Road West, Mongkok	0.60	0.45
Reconstruction of paving footway at Lei Yue Mun Road, Yau Tong	2.00	1.80

<b>Project Title</b>	<b>Project Estimate (\$million)</b>	<b>Estimated Expenditure in 2005-06 (\$million)</b>
Reconstruction of footpath at Po On Road between Wing Lung Street and Wing Hong Street, Cheung Sha Wan	0.91	0.51
Reconstruction of paving footway at Chung Hau Street, Homantin	2.30	1.30
Reconstruction of footway at Waterloo Road (Northbound) between Lancashire Road and Boundary Street, Kowloon Tong	0.75	0.60
Reconstruction of footpath at Choi Hung Road between Prince Edward Road East and Shatin Pass Road, San Po Kong	2.00	1.80
Reconstruction of footpath at Lei Yue Mun Road near Yau Tong MTR station, Yau Tong	3.00	1.00
Reconstruction of footpath at Yuet Wah Street and Tin Heung Street, Kwun Tong	3.00	1.00
Reconstruction of footpath at Tsui Ping Road - stage 2, Kwun Tong	3.00	1.10
Reconstruction of footway at Castle Peak Road section between Fuk Wa Street and Hing Wah Street, Sham Shui Po	0.40	0.30
Reconstruction of footway at Cheung Sha Wan Road (Mongkok Bound) section MTR Entrance C2 and Tonkin Street, Cheung Sha Wan	0.08	0.06
Reconstruction of footway at Wing Ming Street, Cheung Sha Wan	0.27	0.23
Reconstruction of Footway at Tonkin Street section between Po On Road and Cheung Sha Wan Road, Cheung Sha Wan	0.21	0.15
Reconstruction of Footway at Cheung Sha Wan Road (Mei Foo Bound) section between Hing Wah Street and Tai Nam West Street, Cheung Sha Wan	0.15	0.10
Resurfacing of Baptist University Road, Kowloon Tong	0.23	0.18
Reconstruction of footway at Beacon Hill Road between House No. 24 and Cornwall Street, Kowloon Tong	0.20	0.16

<b>Project Title</b>	<b>Project Estimate (\$million)</b>	<b>Estimated Expenditure in 2005-06 (\$million)</b>
Reconstruction of footpath with clay pavers bounded by Harcourt Road (Westbound), Murray Road, Queensway (Eastbound) and Cotton Tree Drive, Queensway	0.80	0.70
Reconstruction of footpath with clay pavers at Leighton Road between Link Road and Wong Nai Chung Road, Causeway Bay	0.42	0.38
Reconstruction of footpath with clay pavers at Causeway Road between Hing Fat Street and Gloucester Road slip road, Causeway Bay	0.82	0.75
Reconstruction of footpath with clay pavers at Leighton Road between Caroline Hill Road and Link Road, Causeway Bay	0.19	0.15
Reconstruction of footpath with clay pavers at Causeway Road between Queen's College and Hong Kong Central Library, Causeway Bay	0.40	0.35
Reconstruction of footpath of Tung Lo Wan Road and Wun Sha Street, Tai Hang	1.50	1.20
Reconstruction of footpath of Lin Fa Kung Street, Tai Hang	0.60	0.40
Reconstruction of footpath with artificial granite and clay pavers at area adjoining Bank of America Tower, Hutchison House, Murray Road Multi-storey Carpark Building and Fairmont House, Central	1.75	1.00
Reconstruction of footpath at Causeway Road (Eastbound) adjoining the Victoria Park, Causeway Bay	1.20	0.10
Reconstruction of footpath at Leighton Road (Westbound) between Caroline Hill Road and Wong Nai Chung Road, Causeway Bay	0.90	0.45
Colour dressing to the cycle track between Pictorial Garden and Yiu On Estate, Ma On Shan	3.90	1.70
Cycle track painting along Tai Po Tau Shui Wai Road between Tai Po Tai Wo Road and Ting Tai Road, Tai Po	0.91	0.11



<b>Project Title</b>	<b>Project Estimate (\$million)</b>	<b>Estimated Expenditure in 2005-06 (\$million)</b>
Colour dressing of cycle track at Nin Tai Road outside Kam Tai Court, Ma On Shan	0.48	0.48
Colour dressing of cycle track from Pictorial Garden to bridge leading to Shui Chong Street, Sha Tin	0.40	0.40
Cycle track painting along (Yuen Shin Road and Ting Kok Road) between (Dai Kwai Street and Tai Po Tai Wo Road), Tai Po	0.94	0.94
Reconstruction of footpath at Tak Yi Street, Tai Chung Kiu Road, Ngan Shing Street and Siu Lek Yuen Road around City One, Sha Tin	1.50	0.90
Reconstruction of footpath along Shing Mun River Promenade section between Heritage Museum and Sha Tin Rural Committee Road, Sha Tin	4.55	3.00
Reconstruction of footpath at Wu Shan Road, Tuen Mun	2.80	1.40
Reconstruction of footpath at Castle Peak Road - Lingnan Section between Tuen Kwai Road and Tuen Fu Road, Tuen Mun	0.80	0.40
Reconstruction of footpath at Kwong Fai Circuit, Kwai Chung	0.50	0.30
Reconstruction of footpath with clay pavers at Sha Tin Centre Street, Che Kung Miu Road and Pai Tau Street, Sha Tin	1.20	1.20
Reconstruction of footpath at King Man Street, Nin Chun Street and Wan King Path, Sai Kung	0.50	0.50
Reconstruction of footpath at Mui Wo Ferry Pier Road and Ngan Wan Road, Mui Wo	0.50	0.50
Reconstruction of footpath bounded by Tai Tong Road, Yu King Square and Yuen Long Hong Lok Road, Yuen Long	0.90	0.90
	<b>Total</b>	<b>36.50</b>
	<b>Grand Total</b>	<b>43.50</b>

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Reply Serial No.

S-ETWB(T)03

Head : Subhead (No. & title) :  
158 – Government Secretariat:  
Environment, Transport and  
Works Bureau (Transport Branch)

Question Serial No.

S78

Programme : Transport

Controlling Officer : Permanent Secretary for the Environment, Transport and Works  
(Transport)

Director of Bureau : Secretary for the Environment, Transport and Works

- Question : (a) In Reply Serial No. ETWB(T)040 (Question Serial No. 1811), the Administration indicated that the mechanism which allows public transport fare to be adjusted upwards or downwards is still under consideration and discussion, and there is no implementation timetable for this. As the mechanism has been studied for a long time already, what is the present progress? What difficulties or technical problems have been encountered during the process?
- (b) Apart from public transport fares, the difference between tunnel tolls is a major concern of the public in respect of transport. In view of this, will the Administration conduct studies and reviews on the uneven distribution of traffic caused by the significant difference between tunnel tolls? If so, will the studies be carried out by the Government or consultants? What is the estimated expenditure?

Asked by : Hon. WONG Kwok-hing

Reply :

- (a) We have already developed some concrete proposals on the fare adjustment mechanism and are discussing with the franchised bus operators on details of those proposals. Since the mechanism involves complicated and sensitive issues on which the franchised bus operators have expressed various views, it is necessary to have an in-depth examination before finalising an arrangement which could achieve a balance of interests among different parties.
- (b) The Administration is examining possible measures that could help enhance the distribution of traffic at the three road harbour crossings. In assessing the feasibility of various measures, we may require expert support from financial and traffic consultants. The actual funding requirement is not yet known at this stage. We will try to re-deploy existing resources for this task.

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**S-ETWB(T)03**

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Name in block letters JOSHUA LAW

Post Title Permanent Secretary for the  
Environment, Transport and  
Works (Transport)

Date 16 April 2005

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SUPPLEMENTARY VERBAL QUESTION**

**S-ETWB(T)04**

Head : 186 – Transport Department    Subhead (No. & title) :

Question Serial No.

Programme : (4) Management of Transport Services

SV47

Controlling Officer : Commissioner for Transport

Director of Bureau : Secretary for the Environment, Transport and Works

Question : As a follow-up to Reply Serial No. ETWB(T)080, please provide the following information -

- (a) reasons for the reduction in the number of posts under the new car park management contracts;
- (b) the differences in the employment conditions for staff under the previous contracts and the new contracts; and
- (c) the expenditure on the management of government car parks in 2004-05 and 2005-06.

Asked by : Hon. LI Fung-ying

Reply : (a) A total of 29 posts will be reduced in the new management contracts for government car parks because of -

- i) change in the scope of contract as the new contractors are no longer required to help to manage two abandoned vehicle surrender centres; and
  - ii) reduction in manning level required per car park due to installation of Octopus operated access control system and use of new electronic patrol monitoring system.
- (b) Under the new contracts, there are clear provisions requiring the contractors to pay the car park attendants and cleaners monthly wages not less than the average monthly wage for the relevant occupation as published in the latest Census and Statistics Department's Quarterly Report of Wage and Payroll Statistics at the time the tenders were invited. Furthermore, the contractors are required to enter into employment contracts with the car park attendants and cleaners and such contracts should include details such as employment period, rest day arrangements, wages, etc. There are no such provisions in the existing contracts which were signed in 2001.
- (c) The total management fees paid to the car park contractors in 2004-05 were \$27.6 million while those for 2005-06 are estimated to be about \$25.6 million.

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Name in block letters \_\_\_\_\_ ROBERT FOOTMAN \_\_\_\_\_

Post Title \_\_\_\_\_ Commissioner for Transport \_\_\_\_\_

Date \_\_\_\_\_ 18 April 2005 \_\_\_\_\_

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**S-ETWB(T)05**

Head : 186 – Transport Department      Subhead (No. & title) :

Question Serial No.

Programme : (3) District Traffic and Transport Services

S77

Controlling Officer : Commissioner for Transport

Director of Bureau : Secretary for the Environment, Transport and Works

Question : According to Reply Serial No. ETWB(T)100 (Question Serial No. 1187), the Administration is planning to install additional overhead traffic light signals (OTLS) at 28 locations. Will the installation of these OTLS be completed within 2005-06? Has the Administration reserved any funding for the installation works?

Asked by : Hon. WONG Kwok-hing

Reply : We will start the installation of OTLS very soon, and will try to complete the installation at all the 28 locations as soon as possible. Subject to there being no unforeseen situations like obstruction by underground utilities, we aim to complete the installation of OTLS at all the 28 locations within 2005-06. Funds have been reserved for the installation works.

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Name in block letters ROBERT FOOTMAN

Post Title Commissioner for Transport

Date 18 April 2005

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**S-ETWB(T)06**

Head : 186 – Transport Department      Subhead (No. & title) :

Question Serial No.

Programme : (4) Management of Transport Services

S80

Controlling Officer : Commissioner for Transport

Director of Bureau : Secretary for the Environment, Transport and Works

Question : In Reply Serial No. ETWB(T)094, the Administration indicated that the management of a significant number of transport services has been outsourced. Please state whether the Administration has imposed punishment on the contractors for violating conditions of contract in 2004-05. If yes, what were the conditions violated by the contractors and what punishment did the Administration impose on the contractors?

Asked by : Hon. WONG Kwok-hing

Reply :

In 2004-05, the contractors could largely meet the performance standards stipulated in the contracts. For substantiated defaults observed during daily monitoring or from public complaints related to the contractors' staff or performance, 15 reminder letters were issued. In one case, a sum of \$16,000 was deducted from the management fees due to non-compliance with the cleansing standards stipulated in the contract. No warning letters were issued as all contractors took immediate remedial actions upon receiving the reminder letters from the Transport Department.

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Name in block letters ROBERT FOOTMAN

Post Title Commissioner for Transport

Date 18 April 2005

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**S-ETWB(T)07**

Head : 186 – Transport Department      Subhead (No. & title) :

Question Serial No.

Programme : (3) District Traffic and Transport Services

S81

Controlling Officer : Commissioner for Transport

Director of Bureau : Secretary for the Environment, Transport and Works

- Question :
- (a) In Reply Serial No. ETWB(T)101 (Question Serial No. 1447), the Administration pointed out that amongst the 15 trial sites for pedestrian flashing green countdown display (PFGCD), improvement is only observed at some of these sites. Please list out the locations of those sites with improvement and those without improvement.
- (b) Following the above, since the survey result revealed improvement at some road crossings and that the PFGCD is well received by the public, why has the Administration not made provision in 2005-06 to expand the trial so as to obtain more data?

Asked by : Hon. WONG Kwok-hing

Reply :

- (a) A list of the relevant sites is attached at the Annex.
- (b) We are currently reviewing the effectiveness of and the way forward for this project. Subject to the outcome of our review, we may consider to expand the trial.

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Name in block letters ROBERT FOOTMAN

Post Title Commissioner for Transport

Date 18 April 2005

**Results of Pedestrian Flashing Green Countdown Display**

<b>District</b>	<b>Junction</b>
Sites which have become better	
1. Central	Queen's Road Central / Pedder Street
2. Kwun Tong	Kwun Tong Road / Hong Ning Road
3. Kwai Fong	Kwai Yan Road near Kwai Foo Road
Sites which have become worse	
4. Cheung Sha Wan	Cheung Sha Wan Road / Nam Cheong Street
5. Mong Kok	Nathan Road / Mong Kok Road
6. Tseung Kwan O	Po Fung Road / Mau Yip Street
Sites for which no difference is observed	
7. North Point	King's Road / Tin Chong Street
8. Wong Tai Sin	Tung Tau Tsuen Road / Tai Shing Street
9. Tai Po	Kwong Fuk Road / Po Heung Street
10. Tsuen Wan	Chuen Lung Street / Sha Tsui Road
Sites for which survey has yet to be undertaken	
11. North Point	355 King's Road - near North Point Road
12. North Point	King's Road / Tong Shui Road
13. North Point	King's Road / Shu Kuk Street
14. North Point	King's Road / Kam Hong Street
15. Tseung Kwan O	Po Yap Road / Tong Chun Street



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<b>S-ETWB(T)08</b>
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Head : 186 – Transport Department    Subhead (No. & title) :

Question Serial No.

Programme : (3) District Traffic and Transport Services

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Controlling Officer : Commissioner for Transport

Director of Bureau : Secretary for the Environment, Transport and Works

- Question :
- (a) Referring to Reply Serial no. ETWB(T)097 (Question Serial No. 0596), please explain why there is no increase in the number of junctions installed with red light cameras and number of locations installed with speed enforcement cameras.
  - (b) In addition, in part (c) of the above reply, the Administration indicated that new technologies would be applied for enhancing road safety. Please advise what are the new technologies that the Administration will introduce and what is the estimated expenditure.
  - (c) In the captioned reply, the Administration stated that \$55 million would be spent in 2005-06 for carrying out investigation and implementing improvement measures at accident blacksites. What is the number of blacksites involved and could the Administration list them out?

Asked by : Hon. WONG Kwok-hing

Reply :

- (a) We agree that there are benefits in extending the coverage of red light camera and speed enforcement camera systems. We are now actively considering the expansion of both systems and are identifying the locations for expansion having regard to the technical issues involved. The plans are being formulated and hence there is no increase in the estimated number for 2005.
- (b) We will continue to apply new technologies for enhancing road safety. For example, we will install traffic control and surveillance systems at new strategic roads, such as Deep Bay Link, the costs of which will be included under the road construction projects. Also, we will amend the conditions of the vehicle licence to require installation of speed display units on public light buses. We will also encourage the bus companies to install black boxes on buses. Neither of these two measures will incur expenditure for the Administration.
- (c) The \$55 million will be spent on both investigation and improvement measures for blacksites and traffic engineering improvement works to enhance road safety at other locations in the territory identified by the Administration or in response to public requests. As far as investigation of blacksites is concerned, we have a target of investigating 100 blacksites in 2005. The list of blacksites will be generated quarterly during the year, based on latest accident data, to identify locations which meet the threshold criteria for investigation. Therefore, we cannot provide the list of locations now.

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**ROBERT FOOTMAN**

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**Commissioner for Transport**

Date \_\_\_\_\_

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