

**Replies to supplementary verbal and written questions  
raised by Finance Committee Members  
in examining the Estimates of Expenditure 2007-08**

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

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

Reply Serial No.

S-ETWB(T)01

Head :  
60 - Highways Department

Subhead (No. & title) :

Question Serial No.

S111

Programme : (1) Capital Projects

Controlling Officer : Director of Highways

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

Question :

Regarding the study in respect of the Central Kowloon Route, the main point of contention is that the Central Kowloon Route will pass through the Yau Ma Tei Police Station. As various bureaux and departments are being invited by the Administration to take part in the study in respect of the Central Kowloon Route, will the Administration guarantee that the alignment of the Central Kowloon Route will entirely avoid the Yau Ma Tei Police Station?

Asked by : Hon. WONG Kwok-hing

Reply :

In the proposed study and investigation of the Central Kowloon Route project, we will review previous alignment proposals and develop new alignment options, including one which allows preservation of the Yau Ma Tei Police Station. Each option will be evaluated from the economic, social and environmental perspectives with particular attention to the preservation of built heritage. We will fully consult the respective District Councils, local groups, hawker representatives, professional bodies, academics and other interested parties, with a view to developing a preferred alignment scheme. We will also report to the Legislative Council at various stages of the study and investigation.

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

Date \_\_\_\_\_ 23 March 2007

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SUPPLEMENTARY QUESTION**

Reply Serial No.

**S-ETWB(T)02**

Question Serial No.

**S110**

Head : 186 – Transport Department

Subhead (No. & title) :

603 - Plant, Vehicles and Equipment

Programme :

Controlling Officer : Commissioner for Transport

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

Question : According to the Reply Serial No. ETWB(T)104, the 2006-07 revised estimate is about three times lower than the approved estimate, and this is mainly due to the revised delivery schedule of the heavy recovery vehicles for the Tsing Sha Control Area. As the Control Area will be opened in the near future, can the Administration ensure that all heavy recovery vehicles could be delivered prior to the opening of the Control Area? If yes, when will they be delivered? When will the Control Area be opened to the traffic?

Asked by : Hon. WONG Kwok-hing

Reply :

The Tsing Sha Control Area will be opened in stages. The section between Sha Tin and Cheung Sha Wan is scheduled to open in late 2007/early 2008, to be followed by the Nam Wan Tunnel and viaducts at Tsing Yi in late 2008 and the Stonecutters Bridge in mid-2009.

The delivery schedule of the recovery vehicles has been planned to tie in with the commissioning programme of various stages of the Tsing Sha Control Area. The first batch will be delivered in July 2007 to tie in with the opening of the Shatin to Cheung Sha Wan section in late 2007/early 2008. The second batch will be delivered in July 2008 to tie in with the opening of the Nam Wan Tunnel and viaducts at Tsing Yi in late 2008 and the Stonecutters Bridge in mid-2009.

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Name in block letters \_\_\_\_\_ **ALAN WONG**

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

Date \_\_\_\_\_ 26 March 2007

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SUPPLEMENTARY QUESTION**

Reply Serial No.

**S-ETWB(T)03**

Question Serial No.

S113

Head : 186 – Transport Department

Subhead (No. & title) :

Programme : (1) Planning and Development

Controlling Officer : Commissioner for Transport

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

Question : Following on ETWB(T)107 reply about the bus-bus interchange (BBI) schemes :

- (1) Will the Transport Department (TD) improve the BBI schemes for residents in remote areas? If yes, what is the timetable and what are the details? If no, what is the reason?
- (2) In 2007-08, will TD review the BBI schemes for further improvements? If yes, when? If no, what is the reason?
- (3) In 2007-08, how many bus routes will be involved as a result of the implementation of BBI schemes in remote areas? Please list out the bus companies and the bus route numbers.
- (4) As Tung Chung and Tin Shui Wai residents rely heavily on BBI schemes can inter-company BBI schemes be further improved?

Asked by : Hon. WONG Kwok-hing

Reply :

As at end 2006, there were 216 BBI schemes in operation involving about 400 bus routes, many of which serve remote areas. As an on-going exercise, BBI schemes will be reviewed and adjusted where appropriate in the light of the prevailing passenger demand and the scope of improving network coverage and efficiency. The Administration will continue to encourage franchised bus companies to introduce more BBI schemes to enhance their network efficiency and to reduce traffic congestion and roadside emission.

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In 2007, a total of 20 BBI schemes is planned for implementation subject to District Council consultation. These 20 planned BBI schemes involve 62 routes serving the New Territories, Kowloon, Hong Kong Island and the Airport, of which 19 routes serve the relatively remote Yuen Long, Tuen Mun, Islands, and North Districts. The 19 routes are :

- (a) Citybus Limited (Hong Kong Island and cross harbour network) Routes 967 and 969;
- (b) Citybus Limited (Lantau and Airport network) (Citybus F2) Routes A22, E21 and E21A; and
- (c) The Kowloon Motor Bus Company (1933) Limited Routes 261, 276, 261P, 263M, 273A, 276A, 276B, 276P, 278P, 278X, 68A, 70K, 78K and 79K.

Currently, there is an inter-company BBI in Tung Chung Town Centre in which passengers of bus routes of New Lantao Bus Company (1973) Limited may change with these routes of Citybus F2 and Long Win Bus Company Limited. We will continue to encourage franchised bus companies to introduce more inter-company BBI schemes to enhance bus network coverage and efficiency.

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**S-ETWB(T)04**

Question Serial No.

SV030

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

Programme : (1) Planning and Development

Controlling Officer : Commissioner for Transport

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

Question : The Administration to provide details on its plan to introduce bus-bus interchange (BBI) schemes for people living in remote areas, especially residents of Tung Chung and Tin Shui Wai, to help them reduce their traveling expenses. In particular, the Administration is requested to give details on the progress of the above plan and the bus routes covered, and to provide the timetable for review of the implementation of BBI schemes this year.

Asked by : Hon. WONG Kwok-hing

Reply :

A total of 20 bus-bus interchange (BBI) schemes is planned for implementation in 2007 subject to District Council consultation. These 20 planned BBI schemes involve 62 routes serving the New Territories, Kowloon, Hong Kong Island and the Airport with fare discounts ranging from \$1.0 to \$20.7. The location of the planned BBI schemes are:

**Hong Kong Island**

1. Aberdeen Tunnel Toll Plaza
2. Gloucester Road
3. Hennessy Road
4. King's Road
5. Shau Kei Wan Road
6. Tai On Street

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**Kowloon**

7. Cheung Sha Wan Road
8. Kwun Tong Road
9. Nathan Road
10. Prince Edward Road West
11. Tung Choi Street
12. Waterloo Road

**New Territories**

13. Bayview Garden Bus Terminus
14. Castle Peak Road
15. Cheung Wing Road
16. Choi Yuen Road
17. San Wan Road outside Sheung Shui KCR Station
18. Sheung Shui Landmark North Bus Terminus
19. Tai Ho Road
20. Tai Lam Tunnel Toll Plaza

Currently, there are BBI schemes at Tung Chung Town Centre and Tsing Ma Control Area toll plaza involving 28 bus routes enabling Tung Chung residents to travel to various destinations. As for Tin Shui Wai, there are ten bus routes from the new town which call at the Tai Lam Tunnel toll Plaza BBI, at which passengers may change among the ten routes or change to another nine routes for destinations to Tsuen Wan and the urban areas.

All BBI schemes will be reviewed and adjusted where appropriate in the light of the prevailing passenger demand and the scope of improving network coverage and efficiency.

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