

**Replies to supplementary questions raised by Finance Committee Members
in examining the Estimates of Expenditure 2003-04**

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S-ETWB(T)001

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

Question Serial No.

Oral

Programme : (2) Licensing of Vehicles and Drivers

Controlling Officer : Commissioner for Transport

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

Question : The Transport Department to provide information on the establishment changes of Driving Examiners over the past three years. (Re: Reply Serial No. ETWB(T)039)

Asked by : Hon. LAU Kin-yee, Miriam

Reply :

Changes in the establishment and strength of Driving Examiners from 1999-2000 to 2002-03 are shown as follows -

Year (position as at 31 March)	Establishment	Strength
2000	79	78
2001	73	73
2002	73	72
2003 (estimate)	73	71

Signature _____

Name in block letters ROBERT FOOTMAN

Post Title Commissioner for Transport

Date 28 March 2003

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SUPPLEMENTARY QUESTION**

Reply Serial No.

S-ETWB(T)002

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

Question Serial No.

Oral

Programme : (3) District Traffic and Transport Services

Controlling Officer : Commissioner for Transport

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

Question : The Transport Department to provide detailed information about the 70 routes to be included in the rationalization schemes for implementation in 2003-2004. (Re: Reply Serial No. ETWB(T)054)

Asked by : Hon. TANG Siu-tong and Hon. LAU Wai-hing, Emily

Reply : Transport Department is consulting the various District Councils on the proposed rationalisation schemes for 2003-2004 to improve operating efficiency and reduce congestion and air pollution problems in the busy urban corridors. Details of routes involved are attached at Annex.

The proposals will be subject to modification taking account of outcome of consultation with relevant parties including the District Councils.

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Date _____ 28 March 2003 _____

Details of the 68 routes involved in rationalization schemes for implementation in 2003-2004

Bus Route No.	Origin - Destination	Plan
23A	Lai Tak Tsuen - Robinson Road (Circular)	To merge with route no. 23B due to low passenger demand and divert from Yee Wo Street to reduce trips in this busy corridor.
M47	Wah Fu (North) - Admiralty MTR Station (West)	To be truncated from Admiralty to Hong Kong MTR Station to reduce trips to Central and Admiralty.
84	Chai Wan (Heng Fa Chuen) - Yiu Tung Estate (Circular)	To replace 3 double deck buses by 3 single deck buses taking into account passenger demand.
95B	South Horizons - Wong Chuk Hang	To be cancelled due to low passenger demand. Passenger demand to be catered for by other existing bus and GMB services.
37X	Chi Fu Fa Yuen - Admiralty MTR Station (East)	To merge routes no. 37X and 37B during morning peak period due to low passenger demand of route no. 37B and to change the merged route to a circular route with Chi Fu Fa Yuen as the terminal point so as to reduce trips to Central and Admiralty. BBI scheme for routes no. 7 / 71 / 90B / 37B / 37X is available for affected passengers.
37B	Chi Fu Fa Yuen - Central Piers (Circular)	
7	Central Piers - Shek Pai Wan	To replace 6 double deck buses by 6 single deck buses taking into account passenger demand.
3B	Central (Man Kat Street) - Pokfield Road	To merge routes no. 3B and 12 with low passenger demand to reduce trips to Central.
12	Central Piers - Robinson Road (Circular)	
6	Mei Foo - Star Ferry	To merge with route no. 6A to reduce trips to Tsim Sha Tsui.
8	Kowloon MTR Station - Star Ferry	To change the terminal point from Star Ferry pier to Laguna Verde to reduce trips to Tsim Sha Tsui.
9	Ping Shek - Star Ferry	To change the terminal point from Star Ferry pier to Kowloon MTR Station to reduce trips to Tsim Sha Tsui.
208	Broadcast Drive - Tsim Sha Tsui East	To truncate from Tsim Sha Tsui to Jordan and to become a circular route so as to reduce trips to Tsim Sha Tsui.
K15	Mong Kok KCR Station - China Ferry Terminal	To merge routes no. K15 and K16 and change the terminal point to Nam Cheong Station and increase the frequency so as to enhance the connectivity with West Rail.
K16	Hung Hom KCR Station - Tsim Sha Tsui (Middle Road)	

Bus Route No.	Origin - Destination	Plan
32B	Tsuen Wan Ferry Pier - Cheung Shan Estate (Circular)	To be cancelled due to low passenger demand. Passenger demand to be catered for by extending an existing GMB service.
34	Kwai Shing (Central) - Bayview Garden	To be cancelled due to low passenger demand. Passenger demand to be catered for by a new GMB service.
73	Choi Yuen - Tai Po Industrial Estate	To be cancelled due to low passenger demand. Passenger demand to be catered for by a new GMB service.
73K	Sheung Shui - Man Kam To (San Uk Ling)	To be cancelled due to low passenger demand. Passenger demand to be catered for by a new GMB service.
74K	Tai Po KCR Station - Sam Mun Tsai	To be cancelled due to low passenger demand. Passenger demand to be catered for by existing GMB service.
78K	Sheung Shui - Sha Tau Kok	To be cancelled due to low passenger demand. Passenger demand to be catered for by new and existing GMB services.
79K	Sheung Shui - Ta Ku Ling	To be cancelled due to low passenger demand. Passenger demand to be catered for by existing GMB service.
278K	Luen Wo Hui - Fanling KCR Station	To be cancelled due to low passenger demand. Passenger demand to be catered for by existing GMB service.
285	Bayshore Towers - Heng On (Circular)	To be cancelled due to low passenger demand. Passenger demand to be catered for by existing bus services.
68M	Yuen Long (West) - Tsuen Wan MTR Station	To adjust frequency after West Rail opening having regard to passenger demand.
264M	Tin Yan - Tsing Yi AR Station	To adjust frequency after West Rail opening having regard to passenger demand.
269D	Tin Fu - Lek Yuen Estate	To adjust frequency after West Rail opening having regard to passenger demand.
276/276P	Tin Tsz Estate - Sheung Shui	To adjust frequency after West Rail opening having regard to passenger demand.
276A	Tin Heng Estate - Tai Ping	To adjust frequency after West Rail opening having regard to passenger demand.
63M	Yuen Long (East) - Tsing Yi AR Station	To be cancelled due to low passenger demand. Passenger demand to be catered for by existing bus and rail services.
63P	Hung Shui Kiu - Tsuen Wan MTR Station	To be cancelled as its routeing overlaps with that of route no. 68A. Passenger demand to be catered for by existing bus services.
64M	Tin Yiu Estate - Tsuen Wan (Nina Tower)	To be cancelled after West Rail opening due to low passenger demand. Passenger demand to be catered for by existing bus services.
69M	Tin Shui Estate - Kwai Fong MTR Station	To adjust frequency after West Rail opening having regard to passenger demand.

Bus Route No.	Origin - Destination	Plan
251M	Kam Tin Pat Heung - Tsing Yi AR Station (Circular)	To adjust frequency after West Rail opening having regard to passenger demand. To extend the service and change the terminal point to Kam Sheung Road Station to enhance connectivity with West Rail.
269M	Tin Shui Wai Town Centre - Cho Yiu	To merge with route no. 265M due to overlapping of these routes. Frequency of the merged route will be improved.
52M	Tseng Choi Street - Kwai Fong MTR Station	To be cancelled upon the introduction of a new bus route no. 61M (Yau Oi (South) - Lai King (North)).
261M	Sam Shing Estate - Tsuen Wan MTR Station	
262P	Sam Shing Estate - Tsuen Wan MTR Station	
66M	Tai Hing - Tsuen Wan MTR Station	To adjust frequency after West Rail opening having regard to passenger demand. To change the terminal point to Shan King Estate to tie in with the extension of route no. 57M to Tai Hing.
67M	Siu Hong Court - Kwai Fong MTR Station	To adjust frequency after West Rail opening having regard to passenger demand. To change the terminal point to Siu Hong Station to enhance connectivity with West Rail.
261	Sam Shing - Tin Ping Estate	To adjust frequency after West Rail opening having regard to passenger demand.
263	Tuen Mun Town Centre - Sha Tin KCR Station	To change the terminal point to Tuen Mun Station to enhance connectivity with West Rail
70	Sheung Shui - Jordan Road Ferry Pier	To be cancelled due to low passenger demand. Passenger demand will be catered for by frequency improvement and route modification of route no. 270A and the provision of a BBI scheme involving 2 routes to facilitate travel between Tai Po Road and Jordan.
70X	Sheung Shui - Kwun Tong (Tsui Ping Road)	To modify routeing and reduce frequency due to low passenger demand. Passenger demand to be catered for by a new route no. 277X (Luen Wo Hui - Ping Tin).
68X	Yuen Long (East) - Jordan Road Ferry Pier	To adjust frequency after West Rail opening having regard to passenger demand. To truncate some trips from Jordan to Mong Kok as the destination of most of the passengers of this route is Mong Kok and Sham Shui Po area.
265B	Tin Heng Estate - Mong Kok (Park Avenue)	To adjust frequency after West Rail opening having regard to passenger demand.
63X	Tin Tsz Estate - Jordan Road Ferry Pier	To be cancelled due to low passenger demand. Passenger demand to be catered for by existing bus services.
69X	Tin Shui Estate - Jordan Road Ferry Pier	To adjust frequency after West Rail opening having regard to passenger demand.
269B	Tin Shui Wai Town Centre - Hung Hom Ferry Pier	To adjust frequency after West Rail opening having regard to passenger demand. To divert from Yuen Long during peak periods with provision of shortworking trips.

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269C	Tin Shui Wai Town Centre - Kwun Tong Ferry Pier	To adjust frequency after West Rail opening having regard to passenger demand. To divert from Yuen Long during peak periods with provision of shortworking trips.
59A	Tuen Mun Pierhead - Sham Shui Po (Yen Chow Street)	To modify routeing to reduce detour. Passenger demand will be catered for by a new route no. 61M (Yau Oi (South) - Lai King (North)) and other existing bus services.
60	Yau Oi (South) - Cheung Sha Wan	To be cancelled due to low passenger demand. Passenger demand will be catered for by a new bus route no. 61M (Yau Oi (South) - Lai King (North)).
60X	Tuen Mun Town Centre - Jordan Road Ferry Pier	To adjust frequency after West Rail opening having regard to passenger demand. To truncate some trips from Jordan to Mong Kok as the destination of most of the passengers of this route is Mong Kok.
66	Tai Hing Estate - Olympic MTR Station	To be cancelled due to low passenger demand after passing Tsuen Wan and Kwai Chung. Passenger demand to be catered for by extending route no. 57M to Tai Hing and other existing bus services.
67X	Siu Hong Court - Mong Kok KCR Station	To adjust frequency after West Rail opening having regard to passenger demand. To change the terminal point to Siu Hong Station to enhance connectivity with West Rail.
260X	Bo Tin - Kowloon MTR Station	To change the terminal point to Hung Hom KCR Station to reduce congestion in busy urban areas.
267S	Siu Hong Court - Tsim Sha Tsui	To change the terminal point from the on-street terminus to Siu Hong Station.
52X	Tuen Mun Town Centre - Sham Shui Po (Yen Chow Street)	To adjust frequency after West Rail opening having regard to passenger demand.
58X	Leung King Estate - Mong Kok KCR Station	To adjust frequency after West Rail opening having regard to passenger demand.
61X	Tuen Mun Town Centre - Kowloon City Ferry Pier	To adjust frequency after West Rail opening having regard to passenger demand.
66X	Tai Hing Estate - Olympic MTR Station	To adjust frequency after West Rail opening having regard to passenger demand.
3	Mui Wo - Tung Chung Old Pier	To merge with route no. 3M due to overlapping routeing and low passenger demand.
34	Tung Chung MTR Station - Shek Mun Kap	To reduce frequency as a result of deployment of one vehicle from this route to operate shortworking trips between Tung Chung MTR Station and Tung Chung Old Pier to serve the majority of passengers of this route.
968	Yuen Long (West) - Causeway Bay (Tin Hau)	To adjust frequency after West Rail opening havnig regard to passenger demand. To truncate some trips between Causeway Bay and Admiralty as the destinations of most of the passengers of this route are Central and Admiralty.

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969	Tin Shui Wai Town Centre - Causeway Bay (Moreton Terrace)	To adjust frequency after West Rail opening havnig regard to passenger demand. To truncate some trips between Causeway Bay and Admiralty as the destinations of most of the passengers of this route are Central and Admiralty.
960	Tuen Mun Kin Sang Estate - Wan Chai Ferry Pier	To adjust frequency after West Rail opening havnig regard to passenger demand. To truncate some trips between Wan Chai and Admiralty as the destinations of most of the passengers of this route are Central and Admiralty.
961	Tuen Mun San King Estaet - Wan Chai (Hong Kong Convention & Exhibition Centre)	To adjust frequency after West Rail opening havnig regard to passenger demand. To truncate some trips between Wan Chai and Admiralty as the destinations of most of the passengers of this route are Central and Admiralty.
962	Tuen Mun Lung Mun Oasis - Causeway Bay (Moreton Terrace)	To adjust frequency after West Rail opening havnig regard to passenger demand. To truncate some trips between Causeway Bay and Admiralty as the destinations of most of the passengers of this route are Central and Admiralty.