

**Replies to initial written questions raised by Finance Committee Members in  
examining the Estimates of Expenditure 2006-07**

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ETWB(T)076	1522	FUNG Kin-kee, Frederick	186	Planning and Development
ETWB(T)077	1523	FUNG Kin-kee, Frederick	186	Planning and Development
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ETWB(T)088	1890	LI Fung-ying	186	Planning and Development
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ETWB(T)094	1937	WONG Kwok-hing	186	District Traffic and Transport Services
ETWB(T)095	1938	WONG Kwok-hing	186	District Traffic and Transport Services
ETWB(T)096	1941	CHENG Kar-foo, Andrew	186	Planning and Development
ETWB(T)097	1942	CHENG Kar-foo, Andrew	186	Planning and Development
ETWB(T)098	1943	CHENG Kar-foo, Andrew	186	Planning and Development
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ETWB(T)111	2254	TAM Yiu-chung	186	Planning and Development
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ETWB(T)121	2264	WONG Kwok-hing	186	District Traffic and Transport Services
ETWB(T)122	2290	LAU Chin-shek	186	Planning and Development
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ETWB(T)125	2293	LAU Chin-shek	186	District Traffic and Transport Services
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**CONTROLLING OFFICER'S REPLY TO  
INITIAL WRITTEN QUESTION**

Reply Serial No.

**ETWB(T)001**

Question Serial No.

0231

Head : 33 Civil Engineering and Development Department      Subhead :

Programme : (2) Port and Marine Facilities

Controlling Officer : Director of Civil Engineering and Development

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

Question :

During 2006-07, the Civil Engineering and Development Department will continue to maintain the immersed tubes of Hung Hom Cross Harbour Tunnel. What are the details and the expenditure?

Asked by : Hon. TO Kun-sun, James

Reply :

During 2006-07, we will continue to maintain the structure of the immersed tubes of the Cross Harbour Tunnel. The scope of works includes inspection of the concrete of the immersed tubes and repair of any defective parts. The works are expected to commence in mid 2006 and to be completed by the end of 2006 at a cost of about \$300,000.

Signature \_\_\_\_\_

Name in block letters \_\_\_\_\_ John S V CHAI

Post Title \_\_\_\_\_ Director of Civil Engineering and Development

Date \_\_\_\_\_ 11.3.2006

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

**ETWB(T)002**

Question Serial No.

0363

Head : 33 Civil Engineering and Development Department      Subhead :

Programme : (2) Port and Marine Facilities

Controlling Officer : Director of Civil Engineering and Development

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

Question :

In 2005, the Civil Engineering and Development Department carried out maintenance works for 306 piers. Please give details of the number of piers by district, and the manpower and expenditure involved.

Asked by : Hon. LI Kwok-ying

Reply :

The number of piers by district maintained by the Civil Engineering and Development Department in 2005 is set out in the list attached. Inspection and maintenance works were mainly undertaken by six professional and 22 technical staff together with the contractors. The maintenance expenditure in 2005 was about \$50 million.

Signature \_\_\_\_\_

Name in block letters John S V CHAI

Post Title Director of Civil Engineering and Development

Date 13.3.2006

Summary of Piers by District

District	No. of Piers
Central & Western	41
Eastern	31
Islands	61
Kowloon City	10
Kwai Ching	5
Kwun Tong	9
North	5
Sai Kung	28
Shatin	9
Sham Shui Po	17
Southern	24
Tai Po	19
Tsuen Wan	13
Tuen Mun	16
Wan Chai	5
Wong Tai Sin	0
Yau Tsim Mong	12
Yuen Long	1
Total :	306

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

**ETWB(T)003**

Question Serial No.

0607

Head : 33 Civil Engineering and Development Department      Subhead :

Programme : (2) Port and Marine Facilities

Controlling Officer : Director of Civil Engineering and Development

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

Question :

Please list out the names and locations of the 310 piers to be maintained by the Civil Engineering and Development Department in 2006.

Asked by : Hon. CHAN Wai-yip, Albert

Reply :

In 2006, we will maintain 310 piers. The names and locations of these piers are set out in the list attached.

Signature \_\_\_\_\_

Name in block letters \_\_\_\_\_ John S V CHAI

Post Title \_\_\_\_\_ Director of Civil Engineering and Development

Date \_\_\_\_\_ 11.3.2006



**Civil Engineering and Development Department**  
**List of Piers (including Landing Steps) for Maintenance in 2006**

<b>Item No.</b>	<b>Marine Structure No.</b>	<b>Location</b>	<b>Name</b>
1	HP110	Sheung Wan	Macau Ferry Terminal Outer Pier
2	HP109	Sheung Wan	Macau Ferry Terminal Inner Pier
3	KP065	Tsim Sha Tsui	China Ferry Terminal
4	HP091	Central	Central Pier No. 1
5	HP134	Central	Central Pier No. 3
6	HP135	Central	Central Pier No. 4
7	HP123	Central	Central Pier No. 5
8	HP124	Central	Central Pier No. 6
9	HP125	Central	Central Pier No. 7
10	HP092	Central	Queen's Pier
11	HP094	Green Island	Green Island CSD Pier
12	HP095	Green Island	Green Island Police Pier
13	HP099	Kennedy Town	Kennedy Town Incinerator Pier
14	HP100	Kennedy Town	Kennedy Town Poultry Pier
15	HP101	Kennedy Town	Kennedy Town Old Cattle Pier
16	HP102	North Point	North Point (FSD) Pier
17	HP105	North Point	Tong Shui Road Pier
18	HP106	Sai Wan Ho	Sai Wan Ho Marine Police Base (East) Pier
19	HP107	Sai Wan Ho	Sai Wan Ho Marine Police Base (West) Pier
20	HP117	Western District	Western Wholesale Food Market Pier No. 1
21	HP118	Western District	Western Wholesale Food Market Pier No. 2
22	HP119	Western District	Western Wholesale Food Market Pier No. 3
23	HP120	Western District	Western Wholesale Food Market Pier No. 4
24	HP121	Western District	Western Wholesale Food Market Pier No. 5
25	HP126	Central	Edinburgh Place Ferry Pier
26	HP127	North Point	North Point (East) Ferry Pier
27	HP128	North Point	North Point Vehicular Ferry Pier
28	HP129	North Point	North Point (West) Ferry Pier
29	HP130	Wan Chai	Wan Chai (East) Ferry Pier
30	HP131	Wan Chai	Wan Chai (West) Ferry Pier
31	HP132	Wan Chai	Hong Kong Convention & Exhibition Centre Ferry Pier
32	IP052	Tung Chung	Tung Chung Development Pier

<b>Item No.</b>	<b>Marine Structure No.</b>	<b>Location</b>	<b>Name</b>
33	IP063	Cheung Chau	Cheung Chau Ferry Pier
34	IP064	Yung Shue Wan	Yung Shue Wan Ferry Pier
35	IP065	Mui Wo	Mui Wo Ferry Pier
36	IP066	Mui Wo	Mui Wo Vehicular Ferry Pier
37	IP067	Peng Chau	Peng Chau Ferry Pier
38	KP041	Hung Hom	Dyer Avenue Pier
39	KP042	Hung Hom	International Mail Centre Pier No. 1
40	KP043	Hung Hom	International Mail Centre Pier No. 2
41	KP044	Hung Hom	International Mail Centre Pier No. 3
42	KP045	Hung Hom	International Mail Centre Pier No. 4
43	KP047	Kai Tak	Kai Tak Pier
44	KP048	Kowloon City	Ma Tau Kok Public Pier
45	KP057	Kwai Chung	Stonecutters Island PCWA
46	KP058	Kwun Tong	Kwun Tong Public Pier
47	KP060	Stonecutters Island	Government Dockyard Jetty No. 2
48	KP061	Stonecutters Island	Government Dockyard Jetty No. 2A
49	KP062	Stonecutters Island	Government Dockyard Jetty No. 3A
50	KP063	Stonecutters Island	Government Dockyard Jetty No. 3B
51	KP064	Stonecutters Island	Government Dockyard Jetty No. 3C
52	KP070	Tsim Sha Tsui	Kowloon Public Pier
53	KP073	Cheung Sha Wan	Pond Fish Market Pier
54	KP075	Cheung Sha Wan	Vegetable & Poultry Market Pier No. 1
55	KP076	Cheung Sha Wan	Vegetable & Poultry Market Pier No. 2
56	KP077	Cheung Sha Wan	Water Boat Dock Pier
57	KP083	Hung Hom	Hung Hom (North) Ferry Pier
58	KP084	Hung Hom	Hung Hom (South) Ferry Pier
59	KP085	Kowloon City	Kowloon City Ferry Pier
60	KP086	Kowloon City	Kowloon City Vehicular Ferry Pier
61	KP087	Kwun Tong	Kwun Tong (East) Vehicular Ferry Pier
62	KP088	Kwun Tong	Kwun Tong Ferry Pier
63	KP089	Kwun Tong	Kwun Tong (West) Vehicular Ferry Pier
64	KP090	Yau Tong	Sam Ka Tsuen Ferry Pier
65	KP091	Tsim Sha Tsui	Tsim Sha Tsui Ferry Pier
66	KP092	Tsuen Wan	Tsuen Wan Ferry Pier
67	KP093	Tsuen Wan	Tsuen Wan Public Landing Steps

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68	KP095	Tsim Sha Tsui	Tsim Sha Tsui Fire Boat Berth Pier
69	NP123	Tsing Yi	Tsing Yi Public Pier
70	NP125	Tsuen Wan	Yau Kam Tau Pier
71	NP142	Tuen Mun	Tuen Mun Ferry Pier
72	HP082	Aberdeen	Brick Hill Salt Water Pumping Station Pier
73	HP083	Aberdeen	Aberdeen AFD & MD Licensing Station Pier
74	HP084	Aberdeen	Aberdeen Marine Police Base Pier
75	HP116	Tai Tam Bay	Tai Tam Bay Pier
76	IP026	Cheung Chau	Cheung Chau Public Pier
77	IP029	Hei Ling Chau	Hei Ling Chau Pier
78	IP031	Sok Kwu Wan, Lamma Island	Sok Kwu Wan Pier No. 2
79	IP039	Sok Kwu Wan, Lamma Island	Sok Kwu Wan Public Pier
80	IP040	Yung Shue Wan, Lamma Island	Yung Shue Wan Public Pier
81	IP041	Lantau Island	Mui Wo Fire Boat Pier
82	IP042	Lantau Island	Shek Pik Pier
83	IP043	Lantau Island	To Kau Wan Shipyard Piers
84	IP047	Lantau Island	Chi Ma Wan Pier
85	IP049	Lantau Island	Sha Lo Wan Pier
86	IP053	Lantau Island	Tung Chung Public Pier
87	IP054	Ma Wan	Ma Wan Public Pier
88	IP055	Peng Chau	Peng Chau Public Pier
89	IP056	Peng Chau	Tai Lei Island Pier
90	IP057	Waglan Islands	Waglan Pier
91	IP060	Shek Kwu Chau	Shek Kwu Chau Pier
92	IP061	Clear Water Bay	Tung Lung Chau Public Pier
93	NP051	Clear Water Bay	Joss House Bay Public Pier
94	NP052	Deep Bay	Tsim Bei Tsui Pier
95	NP053	Mirs Bay	Tung Ping Chau Public Pier
96	NP071	Sai Kung	Hap Mun Bay Public Pier
97	NP073	Sai Kung	Sai Kung Public Pier
98	NP076	Sai Kung	Tso Wo Hang Pier
99	NP082	Sha Tau Kok	Ap Chau Public Pier

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100	NP083	Sha Tau Kok	Kat O Chau Pier
101	NP084	Sha Tau Kok	Sha Tau Kok Public Pier
102	NP088	Shatin	Wu Kai Sha Pier
103	NP090	Sham Tseng	Gemini Point Pier
104	NP091	Sham Tseng	Sham Tseng Public Pier
105	NP097	Tai Po	Tai Po Railway Pier
106	NP109	Tolo Harbour	Kau Lau Wan Public Pier
107	NP110	Tolo Harbour	Kei Ling Ha Hoi Pier
108	NP111	Tolo Harbour	Lai Chi Chong Pier
109	NP112	Tolo Harbour	Sham Chung Pier
110	NP113	Tolo Harbour	Tap Mun Pier
111	NP114	Tolo Harbour	Wong Shek Pier
112	NP128	Tuen Mun	Kadoorie Pier
113	NP141	Ma Liu Shui	Ma Liu Shui Ferry Pier
114	NP149	Sai Kung	Pak Sha Wan Pier No.2
115	HP008	Aberdeen	Aberdeen Wholesale Fish Market Landing No. 3
116	HP009	Aberdeen	Aberdeen Praya Road Landing No. 6
117	HP010	Aberdeen	Aberdeen Praya Road Landing No. 7
118	HP011	Po Chong Wan	Po Chong Wan Landing No. 1
119	HP012	Shek Pai Wan	Shek Pai Wan Landing No. 1
120	HP013	Shek Pai Wan	Shek Pai Wan Landing No. 2
121	HP014	Shek Pai Wan	Shek Pai Wan Landing No. 3
122	HP015	Shum Wan	Shum Wan Landing No. 1
123	HP016	Aberdeen	Aberdeen Praya Road Landing No. 1
124	HP017	Aberdeen	Aberdeen Praya Road Landing No. 2
125	HP018	Aberdeen	Aberdeen Praya Road Landing No. 3
126	HP019	Aberdeen	Aberdeen Praya Road Landing No. 4
127	HP020	Aberdeen	Aberdeen Praya Road Landing No. 5
128	HP022	Ap Lei Chau	Ap Lei Chau PCWA Landing
129	HP023	Ap Lei Chau	Ap Lei Chau Landing No. 5
130	HP024	Ap Lei Chau	Ap Lei Chau Landing No. 1
131	HP025	Ap Lei Chau	Ap Lei Chau Landing No. 2
132	HP026	Ap Lei Chau	Ap Lei Chau Landing No. 3
133	HP027	Ap Lei Chau	Ap Lei Chau Landing No. 4

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134	HP028	Causeway Bay	Hing Fat Street Landing No. 1
135	HP029	Causeway Bay	Hing Fat Street Landing No. 2
136	HP034	Causeway Bay	Causeway Bay Typhoon Shelter Landing No. 8
137	HP035	Causeway Bay	Causeway Bay Typhoon Shelter Landing No. 3
138	HP036	Causeway Bay	Causeway Bay Typhoon Shelter Landing No. 4
139	HP037	Causeway Bay	Causeway Bay Typhoon Shelter Landing No. 7
140	HP038	Watson Road	Watson Road Landing
141	HP039	Central	Central (C & E) Landing No. 1
142	HP040	Central	Central (C & E) Landing No. 2
143	HP041	Central	Central (C & E) Landing No. 3
144	HP042	Central	Central (C & E) Landing No. 4
145	HP048	Central	Central Landing No. 10
146	HP049	Central	Central Landing No. 5
147	HP050	Central	Central Landing No. 7
148	HP051	Central	Central Landing No. 8
149	HP052	Central	Central Landing No. 9
150	HP053	Central	Central Landing No. 6
151	HP057	Western District	Western PCWA Landing No. 1
152	HP058	Sai Ning Street	Sai Ning Street Landing No. 1
153	HP059	Sai Ning Street	Sai Ning Street Landing No. 2
154	HP060	Oil Street	Oil Street Landing No. 1
155	HP061	Oil Street	Oil Street Landing No. 2
156	HP062	North Point	North Point Police Station Landing
157	HP068	Shau Kei Wan	Shau Kei Wan Typhoon Shelter Landing No. 10
158	HP069	Quarry Bay	Quarry Bay Park Landing No. 1
159	HP070	Shau Kei Wan	Shau Kei Wan Typhoon Shelter Landing No. 1
160	HP071	Shau Kei Wan	Shau Kei Wan Typhoon Shelter Landing No. 2
161	HP072	Shau Kei Wan	Shau Kei Wan Typhoon Shelter Landing No. 3

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162	HP073	Shau Kei Wan	Shau Kei Wan Typhoon Shelter Landing No. 4
163	HP074	Shau Kei Wan	Shau Kei Wan Typhoon Shelter Landing No. 5
164	HP075	Shau Kei Wan	Shau Kei Wan Typhoon Shelter Landing No. 7
165	HP076	Sheung Wan	Sheung Wan Landing No. 1
166	HP077	Siu Sai Wan	Siu Sai Wan Landing No. 1
167	HP080	Wan Chai	Hong Kong Convention & Exhibition Centre Landing
168	HP081	Wan Chai	Fenwick Pier Street Landing
169	HP113	St. Stephen's Beach	St. Stephen's Beach (South) Pier
170	HP133	Shau Kei Wan	Shau Kei Wan Typhoon Shelter Landing No. 9
171	HP137	Shau Kei Wan	Shau Kei Wan Typhoon Shelter No. 6
172	HP138	Wan Chai	Servicemen's Guide Association Temporary Landing
173	HP141	Siu Sai Wan	Siu Sai Wan Landing No. 2
174	HP142	Sheung Wan	Sheung Wan Landing No. 2
175	KP001	Cheung Sha Wan	Cheung Sha Wan Marine Police Base Landing
176	KP004	Cheung Sha Wan	Cheung Sha Wan Landing No. 3
177	KP005	Hung Hom	Hung Hom Landing No. 7
178	KP006	Hung Hom	Hung Hom Landing No. 8
179	KP007	Hung Hom	Tai Wan Shan Landing
180	KP008	To Kwa Wan	To Kwa Wan Landing
181	KP009	Kai Tak	Kai Tak Fire Boat Landing No. 1
182	KP010	Kai Tak	Kai Tak Fire Boat Landing No. 2
183	KP011	Kowloon Bay	Kowloon Bay Landing No. 1
184	KP012	To Kwa Wan	King Wan Street Landing
185	KP013	Sam Ka Tsuen	Sam Ka Tsuen Landing No. 1
186	KP014	Sam Ka Tsuen	Sam Ka Tsuen Landing No. 2
187	KP015	Sam Ka Tsuen	Sam Ka Tsuen Landing No. 3
188	KP020	Government Dockyard	Government Dockyard C & E Landing
189	KP021	Government Dockyard	Government Dockyard Landing No. 1
190	KP022	Government Dockyard	Government Dockyard Landing No. 2
191	KP023	Government Dockyard	Government Dockyard Landing No. 3

<b>Item No.</b>	<b>Marine Structure No.</b>	<b>Location</b>	<b>Name</b>
192	KP024	Government Dockyard	Government Dockyard Landing No. 4
193	KP025	Government Dockyard	Government Dockyard Landing No. 5
194	KP026	Tai Kok Tsui	Tai Kok Tsui Landing
195	KP030	Tsim Sha Tsui	Tsim Sha Tsui Landing No. 2
196	KP036	Yau Ma Tei	Yau Ma Tei Typhoon Shelter Landing No. 1
197	KP037	Yau Ma Tei	Yau Ma Tei Typhoon Shelter Landing No. 2
198	KP038	Yau Ma Tei	Yau Ma Tei Typhoon Shelter Landing No. 3
199	KP039	Yau Ma Tei	Yau Ma Tei Typhoon Shelter Landing No. 4
200	KP040	Yau Ma Tei	Yau Ma Tei Typhoon Shelter Landing No. 5
201	KP094	Government Dockyard	Government Dockyard Landing No. 6
202	IP003	Cheung Chau	Cheung Chau Complex Landing
203	IP004	Cheung Chau	Pak She Praya Road Landing
204	IP005	Cheung Chau	Sai Wan Landing
205	IP006	Cheung Chau	Praya Street Landing
206	IP007	Cheung Chau	Tai Hing Tai Road Landing No. 1
207	IP008	Cheung Chau	Tai Hing Tai Road Landing No. 2
208	IP009	Cheung Chau	Tai Hing Tai Road Landing No. 3
209	IP010	Mui Wo	Mui Wo Landing No. 1
210	IP011	Mui Wo	Mui Wo Landing No. 2
211	IP012	Mui Wo	Mui Wo Landing No. 3
212	IP014	Peng Chau	Peng Chau Landing No. 1
213	IP015	Peng Chau	Peng Chau Landing No. 2
214	IP018	Waglan	Waglan Landing
215	IP019	Shek Kwu Chau	Shek Kwu Chau Landing No. 1
216	IP020	Shek Kwu Chau	Shek Kwu Chau Landing No. 2
217	IP021	Tai A Chau	Tai A Chau Landing No. 1
218	IP022	Tai A Chau	Tai A Chau Landing No. 2
219	IP023	Tai A Chau	Tai A Chau Landing No. 3
220	IP024	Tathong Point	Tathong Point Landing
221	IP025	Siu Mo To	Siu Mo To Jetty
222	IP027	Cheung Chau	Sai Wan Jetty
223	IP028	Hei Ling Chau	Hei Ling Chau Cargo Handling Pier
224	IP035	Lamma Island	Lo Tik Wan Pier
225	IP048	Lantau Island	Pak Mong Pier
226	IP050	Lantau Island	Tai O Public Pier

<b>Item No.</b>	<b>Marine Structure No.</b>	<b>Location</b>	<b>Name</b>
227	IP051	Lantau Island	Tai Shui Hang Pier
228	IP058	Poi Toi	Poi Toi Public Pier
229	IP059	Sha Chau	Sha Chau Pier
230	IP069	Tung Lung Chau	Tung Lung Chau (North) Pier
231	IP070	North Lantau Expressway	Tsing Chau Wan Landing
232	IP071	North Lantau Expressway	Tai Chuen Landing
233	IP074	Ma Wan	Ma Wan Area E2 Landing
234	IP075	Ma Wan	Tai Pai Tsui Pier
235	IP076	Yung Shue Wan	Yung Shue Wan Development Pier
236	IP077	Chek Lap Kok	Eastern Sea Rescue Landing
237	IP078	Chek Lap Kok	South Boat Point Landing
238	IP079	Chek Lap Kok	Western Sea Rescue Landing
239	IP080	Chek Lap Kok	North Boat Point Landing
240	IP082	Tung Chung	Tung Chung Development Phase 3A Landing
241	IP083	Luk Chau Tsuen	Luk Chau Tsuen Pier
242	IP084	Kau Shat Wan	Kau Shat Wan Landing No. 1
243	IP085	Kau Shat Wan	Kau Shat Wan Landing No. 2
244	IP086	Kau Shat Wan	Kau Shat Wan Landing No. 3
245	KP018	Rambler Channel	Rambler Channel PCWA Landing No. 3
246	NP001	Sai Kung Marine Police Base	Sai Kung Marine Police Base Landing No. 1
247	NP002	Sai Kung Marine Police Base	Sai Kung Marine Police Base Landing No. 2
248	NP003	Sai Kung Marine Police Base	Sai Kung Marine Police Base Landing No. 3
249	NP004	Sai Kung Marine Police Base	Sai Kung Marine Police Base Landing No. 4
250	NP008	Sai Kung	Sai Kung Town Landing No. 5
251	NP009	Sha Ha	Sha Ha Landing No. 1
252	NP010	Sha Ha	Sha Ha Landing No. 2
253	NP011	Sha Ha	Sha Ha Landing No. 3
254	NP012	Sha Ha	Sha Ha Landing No. 4
255	NP013	Sai Kung	Sai Kung Town Landing No. 1
256	NP014	Sai Kung	Sai Kung Town Landing No. 2



<b>Item No.</b>	<b>Marine Structure No.</b>	<b>Location</b>	<b>Name</b>
257	NP015	Sai Kung	Tui Min Hoi Landing No. 1
258	NP016	Sai Kung	Tui Min Hoi Landing No. 2
259	NP017	Sha Tau Kok	Sha Tau Kok Landing No. 1
260	NP018	Sha Tau Kok	Sha Tau Kok Landing No. 2
261	NP022	Ma Liu Shui Marine Police Base	Ma Liu Shui Marine Police Base Landing No. 1
262	NP023	Ma Liu Shui Marine Police Base	Ma Liu Shui Marine Police Base Landing No. 2
263	NP024	Ma Liu Shui Marine Police Base	Ma Liu Shui Marine Police Base Landing No. 3
264	NP025	Sha Tin Rowing Centre	Sha Tin Rowing Centre Landing No. 1
265	NP026	Tai Shui Hang	Tai Shui Hang Landing
266	NP029	Shuen Wan Breakwater	Shuen Wan Breakwater Landing No. 1
267	NP030	Shuen Wan Breakwater	Shuen Wan Breakwater Landing No. 2
268	NP031	Tai Mei Tuk	Tai Mei Tuk Landing
269	NP032	Tai Po	Tai Po Area 27 Landing
270	NP033	Tai Po Industrial Area	Tai Po Industrial Area Landing
271	NP034	Long Harbour Wan Tsai	Long Harbour Wan Tsai Landing
272	NP036	Tsing Yi	Tsing Yi Fire Boat Landing
273	NP039	Tsing Yi	Tsing Yi Area 6 Landing
274	NP040	Tsuen Wan	Tsuen Wan Area 2 Landing No. 1
275	NP041	Tsuen Wan	Tsuen Wan Area 2 Landing No. 2
276	NP042	Tuen Mun	Tuen Mun Area 44 Landing No. 1
277	NP043	Tuen Mun	Tuen Mun Area 44 Landing No. 2
278	NP044	Tuen Mun	Tuen Mun Area 27 Landing No. 1
279	NP045	Tuen Mun	Tuen Mun Area 27 Landing No. 2
280	NP047	Tuen Mun	Tuen Mun Area 40 Landing
281	NP065	Yim Tin Tsai	Yim Tin Tsai Pier
282	NP074	Sha Kiu Tau	Sha Kiu Tau Pier
283	NP075	Tai Tau Chau	Tai Tau Chau Pier
284	NP094	Tai Po	Sam Mun Tsai Village Pier
285	NP095	Tai Mei Tuk	Tai Mei Tuk Pier No. 1
286	NP096	Tai Mei Tuk	Tai Mei Tuk Pier No. 2

<b>Item No.</b>	<b>Marine Structure No.</b>	<b>Location</b>	<b>Name</b>
287	NP108	Sai Kung	Chek Keng Pier
288	NP145	Sai Kung	Sai Kung Town Landing No. 3
289	IP081	Lung Kwu Chau	Lung Kwu Chau Jetty
290	NP147	Po Toi O	Po Toi O Pier No. 2
291	NP148	Tseung Kwan O	Tseung Kwan O Landing
292	NP150	Tap Mun	Hai Wan Landing
293	NP151	Shatin	Shatin Area 77 Landing
294	NP152	Ma Liu Shui	Ma Liu Shui Landing No. 1
295	NP153	Ma Liu Shui	Ma Liu Shui Landing No. 2
296	NP155	Tai Lam	Tai Lam Marine Police Base Landing No.1
297	NP156	Tai Lam	Tai Lam Marine Police Base Landing No.2
298	NP157	Tai Lam	Tai Lam Marine Police Base Landing No. 3
299	NP158	Tai Lam	Tai Lam Marine Police Base Landing No. 4
300	NP159	Tai Lam	Tai Lam Marine Police Base Landing No. 5
301	NP160	Tai Lam	Tai Lam Marine Police Base Landing No. 6
302	NP161	Sham Tseng	Pier at Angler's Beach
303	IP090	Lamma Island	Shek Pai Wan Loading and Unloading Pier
304	IP016	Peng Chau	Peng Chau Landing No. 3
305	IP017	Peng Chau	Peng Chau Landing No. 4
306	IP094	Penny's Bay	Penny's Bay Public Pier
307	IP095	Penny's Bay	Penny's Bay Landing
308	IP096	Peng Chau	Peng Chau Landing No. 7
309	IP097	Peng Chau	Peng Chau Landing No. 8
310	HP147	Chai Wan	Chai Wan Cargo Handling Basin

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

**ETWB(T)004**

Question Serial No.

0976

Head : 33 - Civil Engineering and  
Development Department

Subhead :

Programme : (3) Provision of Land and Infrastructure

Controlling Officer : Director of Civil Engineering and Development

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

Question :

The roads completed and opened to traffic in 2005 include sections of Road T3 in Sha Tin, grade separated interchange T1/P1/P2 in Tseung Kwan O and some roads in Yuen Long. Please explain the differences between T and P roads and ordinary trunk roads in terms of naming and functions.

Asked by : Hon. HO Chun-yan, Albert

Reply :

The letters 'T' and 'P' in road names represent roads at different hierarchical levels. T roads are trunk roads connecting different districts while P roads are primary distributor roads serving traffic within a district.

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Post Title \_\_\_\_\_ Director of Civil Engineering and Development

Date \_\_\_\_\_ 11.3.2006

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

Head: 42 - Electrical and Mechanical Services Subhead:  
Department

Programme: (2) Mechanical installations safety

Controlling Officer: Director of Electrical and Mechanical Services

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

Question:

Under this programme, provision for 2006-07 is \$1.5 million higher than the revised estimate for 2005-06. This is mainly due to the net increase of two posts for the implementation of the vehicle mechanics registration scheme and the Disney team.

- (a) What are the specific duties of these new posts? What is the expenditure involved? What results are expected to be achieved?
- (b) The increased expenditure is partly offset by the completion of one non-recurrent project. What are the details of this project? What would be the savings in expenditure?

Asked by: Hon. WONG Kwok-hing

Reply:

- (a) The net increase of two posts in 2006-07 is due to the creation of the following three posts, which is offset by deletion of one post –
- (i) two Mechanical Inspector posts to support the implementation of a voluntary registration scheme for vehicle mechanics. They would assist in processing the registration applications and monitoring the performance of registered mechanics. The total notional annual mid-point salary (NAMS) value of these two posts is \$0.88 million. These posts are required to facilitate the satisfactory operation of the registration scheme, hence enhancing the standard of local vehicle maintenance services in Hong Kong; and
- (ii) one Assistant Clerical Officer post under the Disney Team to handle the clerical work associated with the processing of the design submission and commissioning of new attractions arising from the expansion of Hong Kong Disneyland, the Ocean Park expansion project and other amusement rides. The NAMS value of this post is \$0.16 million. The post is required to provide clerical support for processing applications relating to amusement rides.



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

ETWB(T)006

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

Question Serial No.

0128

Programme : (1) Capital Projects

Controlling Officer : Director of Highways

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

Question : In 2006-07, the Administration will liaise with relevant departments and prepare for the commissioning of Hong Kong-Shenzhen Western Corridor. What are the details? Will the widening works of the existing major carriageways in the New Territories West be involved? If yes, what are the details and the resources involved?

Asked by : Hon. LAU Kong-wah

Reply : In 2006-07, the Highways Department will continue to liaise with the Transport Department, Hong Kong Police Force, Electrical and Mechanical Services Department, Architectural Services Department (and other departments as needed) on the outstanding works and future traffic management issues in preparation for the commissioning of the Hong Kong-Shenzhen Western Corridor now targeted for the first half of 2007.

To cater for the anticipated growth in traffic arising from the opening of this new cross-boundary link, the section of Yuen Long Highway between Lam Tei and Shap Pat Heung Interchange has been widened at an approved project estimate of \$931 million. The Department has carried out works to improve the traffic flow at the town centre section of Tuen Mun Road at a cost of about \$2.1 million. The Department will also widen Tsing Tin Road Interchange from two to three lanes at an estimated cost of \$42 million and plans to complete the project in mid 2008.

In the Northwest New Territories Traffic and Infrastructure Review 2004 (the Review), the Department has examined in detail the traffic implications of the commissioning of the Hong Kong-Shenzhen Western Corridor on the transport infrastructure in northwest New Territories. As the Department has explained to the Legislative Council Panel on Transport when reporting the results of the Review, the existing road networks in northwest New Territories, together with road projects that have been and will be implemented, should be able to cope with the traffic demand, including the additional traffic that the Hong Kong-Shenzhen Western Corridor will bring about, up to 2016.

Reply Serial No.

**ETWB(T)006**

Question Serial No.

0128

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Name in block letters MAK CHAI KWONG

Post Title Director of Highways

Date 11 March 2006

Examination of Estimates of Expenditure 2006-07  
**CONTROLLING OFFICER'S REPLY TO  
INITIAL WRITTEN QUESTION**

Reply Serial No.

ETWB(T)007

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

Question Serial No.

0129

Programme : (1) Capital Projects

Controlling Officer : Director of Highways

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

Question : In 2006-07, the Administration will continue with the planning of the Central Kowloon Route and widening of Gascoigne Road Flyover. What are the progress, the anticipated completion date and the resources involved?

Asked by : Hon. LAU Kong-wah

Reply : As part of the planning exercise, the Highways Department has started the engineering feasibility reviews for the Central Kowloon Route and the widening of Gascoigne Road Flyover for completion in 2006-07. The reviews are being undertaken with in-house resources of the Department.

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

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

Date \_\_\_\_\_ 11 March 2006 \_\_\_\_\_



Examination of Estimates of Expenditure 2006-07  
**CONTROLLING OFFICER'S REPLY TO  
INITIAL WRITTEN QUESTION**

Reply Serial No.

ETWB(T)008

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

Question Serial No.

0130

Programme : (2) District and Maintenance

Controlling Officer : Director of Highways

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

Question : Regarding the complaints relating to road maintenance, please specify the three types of road maintenance which received most complaints in 2005, the number of complaints involved and how the complaints were handled.

Asked by : Hon. LAU Kong-wah

Reply : The three types of items for which the Highways Department received most complaints in 2005 and the number of complaints are set out below -

Type	Number of complaints
Road	2 238
Footpath	2 307
Traffic aids	997

For complaints that may raise safety concerns (such as potholes on roads and footpaths, and damaged traffic aids), appropriate remedial action is taken within 48 hours from the time the complaint is received by the Department. For other complaints, appropriate remedial action is taken within eight working days from the time the complaint is received by the Department.

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Post Title Director of Highways

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

ETWB(T)009

Head : 60 - Highways Department

Subhead (No. & title) : Question Serial No.

0131

Programme : (2) District and Maintenance

Controlling Officer : Director of Highways

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

Question : Please provide details on the work plan for strengthening of roadside barriers and bridge parapets in 2006-07 and the estimated expenditure involved.

Asked by : Hon. LAU Kong-wah

Reply : The following strengthening works on roadside barriers and bridge parapets are being planned for 2006-07 -

	<u>Location</u>	<u>Work Details</u>	<u>Cost Estimate</u>
(1)	Route Twisk near Lamp Post No. FA 5555, Tsuen Wan	Roadside barriers strengthening	\$150,000
(2)	Ap Lei Chau Bridge, Aberdeen	Roadside barriers strengthening	\$20,000
(3)	Tai Tam Road between Lamp Post No. 38680 and Lamp Post No. 46195	Roadside barriers strengthening	\$45,000
(4)	Tate's Cairn Highway near Sha Tin Wai Road, Sha Tin	Bridge parapets strengthening	\$890,000
(5)	Island Eastern Corridor (Section between Health Street West and Hoi Yu Street)	Bridge parapets strengthening	\$6,000,000
		Total:	<u><u>\$7,105,000</u></u>

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**ETWB(T)009**

Question Serial No.

0131

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

ETWB(T)010

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

Question Serial No.

0132

Programme : (3) Railway Development

Controlling Officer : Director of Highways

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

Question : What are the details of the transport and planning studies with railway planning input provided by the Highways Department in 2005? What are the details and the estimated expenditure of the studies in 2006?

Asked by : Hon. LAU Kong-wah

Reply : In 2005, railway development planning input was provided to the following transport and planning studies –

- (a) Hong Kong 2030 - Planning Vision and Strategy;
- (b) Hong Kong-Zhuhai-Macao Bridge Feasibility Study;
- (c) Planning Study on the Co-ordinated Development of the Greater Pearl River Delta Township;
- (d) Hong Kong Section of Hong Kong-Zhuhai-Macao Bridge and Connection with North Lantau Highway - Investigation;
- (e) Lantau Logistics Park Development - Feasibility Study;
- (f) Restructuring and Enhancement of the Third Comprehensive Transport Study Model - Feasibility Study;
- (g) Study on Impact of West Island Line on Other Public Transport Modes
- (h) Kai Tak Planning Review;
- (i) Wan Chai Development Phase II - Planning and Engineering Review; and
- (j) Strategic Highway Project Review-2005 (including impact of South Island Line on Route 4).

In 2006, the Highways Department will continue to provide railway development planning input to the above and other studies as and when requested by other bureaux and departments. The input is provided by in-house staff. No additional resource is required.

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MAK CHAI KWONG

Director of Highways

11 March 2006

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

ETWB(T)011

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

Question Serial No.

0133

Programme : (3) Railway Development

Controlling Officer : Director of Highways

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

Question : Regarding the co-ordination with the Mainland authorities on cross-boundary infrastructure developments in 2006-07, what infrastructure items would be included?

Asked by : Hon. LAU Kong-wah

Reply : In 2006-07, the Department will continue to liaise with the Mainland authorities on the following two cross-boundary railway items -

- (a) the passenger bridge between Lok Ma Chau Terminus and Huanggang Terminus in Shenzhen, in association with the Sheung Shui to Lok Ma Chau Spur Line; and
- (b) the Guangzhou-Shenzhen-Hong Kong Express Rail Link.

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

Date \_\_\_\_\_ 11 March 2006

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INITIAL WRITTEN QUESTION**

ETWB(T)012

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

Question Serial No.

0134

Programme : (3) Railway Development

Controlling Officer : Director of Highways

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

Question : What are the details of and the estimated expenditure involved in the planning, design and construction of the Tseung Kwan O South Station in 2006-07?

Asked by : Hon. LAU Kong-wah

Reply : The MTR Corporation Limited (MTRCL) has completed the design of the Tseung Kwan O South Station and has invited tenders for the station construction. The construction of the new station will commence in the second quarter of 2006 for completion in early 2009. The MTRCL will bear the full cost of the project, estimated at about \$1.2 billion. No Government funding support is required.

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Post Title Director of Highways

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

ETWB(T)013

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

Question Serial No.

0184

Programme : (3) Railway Development

Controlling Officer : Director of Highways

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

Question : As the Highways Department will facilitate the planning and design of the Sha Tin to Central Link, please provide the latest progress of the formulation of the Sha Tin to Central Link, including the updated alignment, cost, dates of commencement and implementation. What is the Department's anticipated scope of work in 2006-07 and can the commencement schedule of the works be confirmed in 2006-07?

Asked by : Hon. CHEUNG Hok-ming

Reply : The Administration is assessing the proposed Sha Tin to Central Link (SCL) scheme of Kowloon-Canton Railway Corporation (KCRC) and the proposed SCL scheme in the joint report submitted by KCRC and the MTR Corporation Limited on the possible merger. The intention is to decide the way forward for the SCL together with the way forward for the possible merger.

In 2006-07, the Highways Department will continue to take forward the SCL project in conjunction with the relevant bureaux and other government departments.

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Post Title Director of Highways

Date 11 March 2006

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

ETWB(T)014

Head : 60 - Highways Department

Subhead (No. & title) : Question Serial No.  
000 Operational expenses

0185

Programme :

Controlling Officer : Director of Highways

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

Question : Regarding the Civil Service Provident Fund contribution under Personnel Related Expenses, the estimated expenditure for 2006-07 is \$623,000, which is significantly higher than the revised estimate of \$239,000 for 2005-06. What are the reasons and what is the number of staff involved?

Asked by : Hon. CHEUNG Hok-ming

Reply : The increase is due to –

- (a) the full-year effect of the Civil Service Provident Fund (CSPF) contribution for five serving officers who were transferred to New Permanent Terms (NPT) in August 2005; and
- (b) the CSPF contribution for five other serving officers to whom the Highways Department plans to offer transfer to NPT in 2006-07.

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Name in block letters MAK CHAI KWONG

Post Title Director of Highways

Date 11 March 2006



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

ETWB(T)015

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

Question Serial No.

0272

Programme : (3) Railway Development

Controlling Officer : Director of Highways

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

Question : As the Highways Department will formulate, negotiate and agree detailed implementation plans for the Tseung Kwan O South Station in 2006-07, please specify -

- (a) the details, including the schedules for commencement of the works and commissioning of the station;
- (b) the construction cost; and
- (c) whether capital injection from the Government will be required. If yes, what is the amount of provision required?

Asked by : Hon. LAM Kin-fung, Jeffrey

Reply : The Tseung Kwan O South Station is part of the MTR Tseung Kwan O Extension project of the MTR Corporation Limited (MTRCL). This new station will be located next to the MTR Tseung Kwan O Depot in Tseung Kwan O Area 86. When it is commissioned, the MTR Tseung Kwan O Line will bifurcate into two lines at Tseung Kwan O Station with one line heading north towards Po Lam Station and the other line heading south towards the new station. The MTRCL has completed the design of the new station and has invited tenders for the station construction, which will commence in the second quarter of 2006 for completion in early 2009. The MTRCL will bear the full cost of the project, estimated at about \$1.2 billion. No government funding support is required.

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

Date \_\_\_\_\_ 11 March 2006

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INITIAL WRITTEN QUESTION**

Reply Serial No.

ETWB(T)016

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

Question Serial No.

0273

Programme : (2) District and Maintenance

Controlling Officer : Director of Highways

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

Question : Regarding the Highways Department's achievement of 100% in the target of inspecting / cleaning traffic signs, directional signs and removing overgrown vegetation on expressways at least twice per year in 2004 and 2005, will the Administration consider upgrading the target by increasing the frequency of removal with a view to preventing the obstruction of drivers' sightline by the vegetation that will lead to accidents? If yes, please provide details on the new target and the estimated additional expenditure involved.

Asked by : Hon. LAM Kin-fung, Jeffrey

Reply : The performance targets for inspecting / cleaning traffic signs, directional signs and removing overgrown vegetation along expressways are related to upkeeping on aesthetic standard of the roadside vegetation. To ensure that drivers' sightline is not obstructed by roadside vegetation along expressways, the Highways Department conducts inspection once every two days and any such overgrown vegetation found will be removed immediately.

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

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

Date \_\_\_\_\_ **11 March 2006**

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

ETWB(T)017

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

Question Serial No.

0297

Programme : (2) District and Maintenance

Controlling Officer : Director of Highways

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

Question : The estimated expenditure on road cleanliness, streetscape enhancement and greening of shotcreted slopes for 2006 is \$114 million, which is \$12 million, i.e. almost 10% lower than the actual expenditure for 2005. What are the reasons?

Asked by : Hon. CHAN Wai-yip, Albert

Reply : The expenditure on road cleanliness, streetscape enhancement and greening of shotcreted slopes for 2005 is higher than that for 2006 because the Highways Department implemented more works of a one-off nature in 2005. For instance, in 2005, the Department implemented streetscape and slope greening works in the Tsing Ma Control Area as part of the Government's tourism efforts. With the completion of such one-off works in 2005, the estimated expenditure for 2006 will return to a level similar to that in 2004.

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Post Title Director of Highways

Date 11 March 2006

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

ETWB(T)018

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

Question Serial No.

0668

Programme : (1) Capital Projects

Controlling Officer : Director of Highways

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

Question : When will be the end of the public consultation for the North Lantau Highway Connection for the Hong Kong-Zhuhai-Macao Bridge?

Asked by : Hon. CHENG Kar-foo, Andrew

Reply : Our plan is to complete our current round of public consultation on the North Lantau Highway Connection, including consultation with the Legislative Council Panel on Transport, by around mid 2006.

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Name in block letters MAK CHAI KWONG

Post Title Director of Highways

Date 11 March 2006

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

ETWB(T)019

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

Question Serial No.

0669

Programme : (1) Capital Projects

Controlling Officer : Director of Highways

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

Question : Please specify the anticipated completion date and the expenditure for the feasibility studies for Tuen Mun Eastern Bypass, Tuen Mun-Chek Lap Kok Link and Tuen Mun Western Bypass.

Asked by : Hon. CHENG Kar-foo, Andrew

Reply : The feasibility study (which includes site investigation work) for the Tuen Mun Eastern Bypass is anticipated to be completed by mid 2006 at an estimated cost of \$9.14 million.

The feasibility study (which includes site investigation work) for the Tuen Mun-Chek Lap Kok Link and Tuen Mun Western Bypass is anticipated to be completed by end 2006 at an estimated cost of \$11.75 million.

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Name in block letters MAK CHAI KWONG

Post Title Director of Highways

Date 11 March 2006

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

ETWB(T)020

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

Question Serial No.

0670

Programme : (1) Capital Projects

Controlling Officer : Director of Highways

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

Question : When will the feasibility study for traffic improvement to Tuen Mun Road town centre section be completed? What is the level of expenditure involved?

Asked by : Hon. CHENG Kar-foo, Andrew

Reply : The feasibility study for traffic improvement to Tuen Mun Road town centre section will be completed by mid 2006. The consultancy fee for this study is around \$1.3 million.

Signature \_\_\_\_\_

Name in block letters MAK CHAI KWONG

Post Title Director of Highways

Date 11 March 2006

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

ETWB(T)021

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

Question Serial No.

0671

Programme : (1) Capital Projects

Controlling Officer : Director of Highways

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

Question : As the capital projects under design and construction can be undertaken by both in-house staff and consultants, what are the criteria for the outsourcing of these assignments of design and construction?

Asked by : Hon. CHENG Kar-foo, Andrew

Reply : The Highways Department considers each project individually to decide whether to outsource the design and construction supervision to consultants or carry out the work in-house. The criteria for outsourcing assignments are -

- (a) the necessary expertise cannot be found in-house, and/or
- (b) a team of multi-disciplinary professionals is required for the project but is not available within the Government, and/or
- (c) in-house manpower resources are not available to carry out the work.

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

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

Date \_\_\_\_\_ 11 March 2006

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INITIAL WRITTEN QUESTION**

Reply Serial No.

ETWB(T)022

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

Question Serial No.

0830

Programme : (3) Railway Development

Controlling Officer : Director of Highways

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

Question : The Highways Department will appropriate \$1 million for the planning studies carried out by consultants in 2006-07. Please detail the specific objectives, subject matters and schedules of the studies.

Asked by : Hon. LI Fung-ying

Reply : The proposed planning study, to be carried out by a consultant, serves to update the transport model now currently adopted by the Highways Department for railway planning. The key objective of the study is to enhance the existing in-house transport model by keeping pace with the latest technology and parameters in transportation and land-use planning so that new railway projects can be planned in a more holistic manner. It is anticipated that the study will commence in end 2006 for completion in mid 2007.

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

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

Date \_\_\_\_\_ 11 March 2006



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

ETWB(T)023

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

Question Serial No.

0956

Programme : (3) Railway Development

Controlling Officer : Director of Highways

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

Question : It is anticipated that there will be ten transport and planning studies with railway planning input provided by the Highways Department in 2006. Please provide the breakdown by titles, specific subject matters, costs and manpower as well as implementation programmes of the studies concerned.

Asked by : Hon. LI Fung-ying

Reply : In 2006, the Highways Department will continue to provide railway development planning input to the following on-going transport and planning studies carried out by various departments -

- (a) Hong Kong 2030 - Planning Vision and Strategy;
- (b) Hong Kong-Zhuhai-Macao Bridge Feasibility Study;
- (c) Planning Study on the Co-ordinated Development of the Greater Pearl River Delta Township;
- (d) Hong Kong Section of Hong Kong-Zhuhai-Macao Bridge and Connection with North Lantau Highway - Investigation;
- (e) Lantau Logistics Park Development - Feasibility Study;
- (f) Restructuring and Enhancement of the Third Comprehensive Transport Study Model - Feasibility Study;
- (g) Study on Impact of West Island Line on Other Public Transport Modes;
- (h) Kai Tak Planning Review;
- (i) Wan Chai Development Phase II - Planning and Engineering Review; and
- (j) Strategic Highway Project Review-2005 (including impact of South Island Line on Route 4).

The input is provided by in-house staff. No additional funding is required.

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**ETWB(T)023**

Question Serial No.

0956

Signature \_\_\_\_\_

Name in block letters MAK CHAI KWONG

Post Title Director of Highways

Date 11 March 2006

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

ETWB(T)024

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

Question Serial No.

1209

Programme : (3) Railway Development

Controlling Officer : Director of Highways

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

Question : Please provide the latest progress of the study on the Sha Tin to Central Link, including the updated alignment, cost and schedules of commencement and completion.

Asked by : Hon. LAM Kin-fung, Jeffrey

Reply : The Administration is assessing the proposed Sha Tin to Central Link (SCL) scheme of Kowloon-Canton Railway Corporation (KCRC) and the proposed SCL scheme in the joint report submitted by KCRC and the MTR Corporation Limited on the possible merger. The intention is to decide the way forward for the SCL together with the way forward for the possible merger.

In 2006-07, the Highways Department will continue to take forward the SCL project in conjunction with the relevant bureaux and other government departments.

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

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

Date \_\_\_\_\_ 11 March 2006

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INITIAL WRITTEN QUESTION**

Reply Serial No.

ETWB(T)025

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

Question Serial No.

1442

Programme : (4) Technical Services

Controlling Officer : Director of Highways

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

Question : Please specify the number of projects and the expenditure involved in respect of the improved streetscape, more greening, better lighting fixtures and appropriate landscaping works in 2006-07.

Asked by : Hon. WONG Kwok-hing

Reply : There will be 13 projects involving an expenditure of about \$15 million in respect of improved streetscape, greening, better lighting fixtures and appropriate landscaping works in 2006-07.

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

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

Date \_\_\_\_\_ 11 March 2006

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

ETWB(T)026

Head : 60 - Highways Department      Subhead (No. & title) :  
000 Operational expenses

Question Serial No.

1445

Programme :

Controlling Officer : Director of Highways

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

Question : In 2006-07, the Highways Department will delete 22 posts (19 non-directorate posts and three directorate posts). Please specify -

- (a) the title, rank and number of the posts to be deleted;
- (b) the reason(s) for the deletion;
- (c) the arrangements to be put in place to handle the work of the posts deleted;
- (d) the estimated savings; and
- (e) whether all the savings will be kept in the departmental operational expenses.

Asked by : Hon. WONG Kwok-hing

Reply :

- (a) The Highways Department plans to delete the following 22 posts in 2006-07-

<u>Ranks</u>	<u>Number</u>
<b><i>Directorate</i></b>	
Government Engineer (GE)	1
Chief Engineer (CE)	2
<b><i>Non-directorate</i></b>	
Senior Engineer (SE)	1
Engineer/Assistant Engineer (E/AE)	1
Land Surveyor/Assistant Land Surveyor	1
Technical Officer (Civil)/Technical Officer Trainee (Civil)	1
Survey Officer (Quantity)/ Survey Officer Trainee (Quantity)	2
Assistant Inspector of Works	8
Chainman	3
Workman II	2

- (b) The GE, CE, SE and E/AE posts will be deleted due to completion of projects, such as Hong Kong-Shenzhen Western Corridor, Deep Bay Link, Kowloon-Canton Railway Tsim Sha Tsui Extension and Spur Line; whereas the other posts will be vacant posts to be deleted as a result of natural wastage, e.g. retirement of the post-holders.

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- (c) The remaining work will be taken up by other staff through internal redeployment of resources.
- (d) The estimated amount of saving is \$4,700,964.
- (e) The savings will be used to partly offset the additional funding requirement for new services and enhancement of existing services provided by the Department.

Signature \_\_\_\_\_

Name in block letters MAK CHAI KWONG

Post Title Director of Highways

Date 13 March 2006

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

ETWB(T)027

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

Question Serial No.

1448

Programme : (3) Railway Development

Controlling Officer : Director of Highways

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

Question : To tie in with the development of the Kowloon Southern Link, what are the expenditure involved and manpower arrangement in 2006-07?

Asked by : Hon. WONG Kwok-hing

Reply : Monitoring of the construction works of Kowloon Southern Link is carried out by the Highways Department using its existing resources. The work is mainly carried out by one Chief Engineer, two Senior Engineers and four Engineers as part of their duties.

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

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

Date \_\_\_\_\_ 11 March 2006

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INITIAL WRITTEN QUESTION**

Reply Serial No.

ETWB(T)028

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

Question Serial No.

1449

Programme : (3) Railway Development

Controlling Officer : Director of Highways

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

Question : To tie in with the development of the Sheung Shui to Lok Ma Chau Spur Line, what are the expenditure involved and manpower arrangement in 2006-07?

Asked by : Hon. WONG Kwok-hing

Reply : The Sheung Shui to Lok Ma Chau Spur Line is constructed by the Kowloon-Canton Railway Corporation using its existing resources. The associated essential public infrastructure works (EPIW) and the Lok Ma Chau public transport interchange (PTI) are funded under two public works items with a total estimated expenditure of \$111.1 million in 2006-07.

Monitoring of the construction works of the new rail, the EPIW and the PTI is carried out by the Highways Department using its existing resources. The work is mainly carried out by one Chief Engineer, three Senior Engineers and five Engineers as part of their duties.

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

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

Date \_\_\_\_\_ 11 March 2006



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INITIAL WRITTEN QUESTION**

Reply Serial No.

ETWB(T)029

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

Question Serial No.

1548

Programme : (1) Capital Projects

Controlling Officer : Director of Highways

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

Question : The indicator in Programme (1) shows that the estimated number of works contracts planned to commence in 2006 is ten, which is 50% lower than the actual number of works contracts that commenced in 2004. Would the Government account for the substantial decrease in the number of works contracts that commenced in these two years?

Asked by : Hon. CHAN Wai-yip, Albert

Reply : The number of works contracts commenced in a particular year depends on various factors including but not limited to the number of highway projects under planning and construction, their respective stages of implementation, etc.

With the commencement of works for many mega-scale highway projects, such as Route 8, Hong Kong-Shenzhen Western Corridor and Deep Bay Link, in recent years, the number of commenced works contracts peaked in 2003 and 2004. Since the construction works in respect of the projects are in full swing in 2005 and 2006, it is reasonable that the number of commenced contracts in these two years shows a decline.

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

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

Date \_\_\_\_\_ 11 March 2006

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

ETWB(T)030

Head : 60 - Highways Department

Subhead (No. & title) :

000 Operational expenses

Question Serial No.

2240

Programme :

Controlling Officer : Director of Highways

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

Question : In 2006-07, the Highways Department will delete 19 permanent posts. Please advise on the details of the posts to be deleted and the savings in expenditure.

Asked by : Hon. LEUNG Yiu-chung

Reply : The 19 permanent posts to be deleted are -

<b>Ranks</b>	<b>Number</b>
Senior Engineer	1
Engineer / Assistant Engineer	1
Land Surveyor / Assistant Land Surveyor	1
Technical Officer / Technical Officer Trainee (Civil)	1
Survey Officer / Survey Officer Trainee (Quantity)	2
Assistant Inspector of Works	8
Chainman	3
Workman II	2
<b>Total</b>	<b>19</b>

The estimated saving in 2006-07 is \$2,929,164.

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Name in block letters MAK CHAI KWONG

Post Title Director of Highways

Date 11 March 2006

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

**ETWB(T)031**

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

Question Serial No.

2245

Programme : (2) District and Maintenance

Controlling Officer : Director of Highways

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

Question : Regarding the matters requiring special attention in 2006-07, the Highways Department will assist in implementing pedestrian schemes in 2006-07. Please advise this Committee on the number of project items, the districts in which these projects will be implemented, the amount of provision required for each project item as well as the anticipated objectives of the entire pedestrian schemes.

Asked by : Hon. WONG Kwok-hing

Reply : The pedestrian schemes this Department will assist to implement as works are required are located at -

<b>Location</b>	<b>Streets involved</b>	<b>Estimated Expenditure in 2006-07</b>
Central	Elgin Street Peel Street Staunton Street	\$ 1.5 million
Wan Chai	Johnston Road (between Landale Street and Gresson Street & between Fleming Road and Triangle Street) O'Brien Road (between Gloucester Road and Lockhart Road)	\$ 1.0 million
Causeway	East Point Road Lockhart Road Great George Street	\$ 0.5 million
Jordan	Nanking Street (between Nathan Rd. and Shanghai Street) Pilkem Street (between Jordan Road and Kansu Street) Temple Street (between Jordan Road and Kansu Street) Woosung Street (between Jordan Road and Kansu Street) Parkes Street (between Jordan Road and Saigon Street) Ning Po Street (between Nathan Road and Shanghai Street)	\$ 4.4 million
Tsim Sha Tsui	Nathan Road near junction of Haiphong Road / Humphreys Avenue	\$ 0.8 million
Sham Shui Po	Fuk Wa Street (between Yen Chow Street and Nam Cheong Street) Pei Ho Street (between Yu Chau Street and Un Chau Street) Fuk Wing Street (between Yen Chow Street and Nam Cheong Street) Kweilin Street (between Yu Chau Street and Un Chau Street) Yu Chau Street (between Yen Chow Street and Nam Cheong Street)	\$ 3.0 million
	<b>Total estimated expenditure in 2006-07</b>	<b>\$ 11.2 million</b>

The objectives of the pedestrian schemes are to promote walking, and improve pedestrian movement as well as the overall environment in the urban area.

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Signature \_\_\_\_\_

Name in block letters MAK CHAI KWONG

Post Title Director of Highways

Date 13 March 2006

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

**ETWB(T)032**

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

Question Serial No.

Programme : (2) District and Maintenance

2309

Controlling Officer : Director of Highways

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

Question : Please advise on the following -

- (a) In respect of the maintenance of public roads in Programme (2), please set out the locations, construction costs, removal costs and utilisation periods of the temporary bridges constructed / to be constructed and removed / to be removed in 2005-06 and 2006-07.
- (b) In respect of Programme (2), please provide the breakdown by numbers, and costs of the damaged and stolen road furniture in 2005-06.
- (c) In respect of the expenditure under Subhead 272 Electricity for public lighting, please account for the drastic increase from \$162,579,000 in 2004-05 to \$175,721,000 in the revised estimate for 2005-06 and the subsequent decrease to \$170,733,000 in the estimate for 2006-07.

Asked by : Hon. LI Wah-ming, Fred

Reply : (a) There was no construction or removal of temporary bridges in 2005-06 and there is no scheduled construction or removal of temporary bridges in 2006-07.

- (b) A breakdown of street furniture damaged and stolen in 2005-06 is as follows -

Category of street furniture	Damaged <sup>i</sup>		Stolen <sup>ii</sup>	
	Quantity	Cost (\$)	Quantity	Cost (\$)
Traffic sign	444 nos.	206,740	51 nos.	24,550
Gully grating	Nil	N.A.	433 nos.	12,400
U-channel grating	Nil	N.A.	884 nos.	67,600
Railing/fencing	9 449 metres	2,116,000	Nil	N.A.
Total cost	-	2,322,740	-	104,550

Notes:

- (i) The cost of the damaged street furniture would be recovered from the owners of vehicles involved in the traffic accident.
- (ii) There are provisions in some of the term contracts that the contractors have to bear the cost for replacing the stolen furniture. Therefore, the loss to Government is less than that indicated.

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2309

- (c) The increase in expenditure on electricity in 2005-06 is due to the full year effect of the public lighting and traffic signals at Wu Kai Sha and Tai Wai Stations of the East Rail Ma On Shan to Tai Wai Rail Link commissioned in 2004 and the additional electricity requirement of new facilities such as the Penny's Bay Development Area commissioned in 2005.

With Highways Department's efforts in energy saving, which include the use of bulk tariff payment at a more favourable rate negotiated with electricity companies for PTIs with high energy consumption, it is expected that the energy cost in 2006-07 will be trimmed down.

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Name in block letters MAK CHAI KWONG

Post Title Director of Highways

Date 13 March 2006

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

Head: 100 Marine Department

Subhead:

Programme: (2) Port Services

Controlling Officer: Director of Marine

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

Question:

It is given in the matters requiring special attention in 2006-07 that the Marine Department will co-ordinate the commissioning of the cross-boundary ferry terminal at Tuen Mun in accordance with the tenant's plan and programme. In this connection, please give –

- (a) details of the plan and programme on the commissioning of the cross-boundary ferry terminal at Tuen Mun; and
- (b) the reasons, if the details have yet to be finalized.

Asked by: Hon. CHAN Wai-yip, Albert

Reply:

The pier modification works for the cross-boundary ferry terminal at Tuen Mun are being carried out by the tenant of the terminal. Works on internal renovation, lift and escalator installation, cabling and installation of terminal operation systems and equipment are now in progress. The tenant has indicated that it is in the process of procuring ferry vessels and it plans to start providing cross-boundary ferry services from mid 2006. The Marine Department and other relevant departments will continue to facilitate the work of the tenant.

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Name in block letters \_\_\_\_\_

ROGER TUPPER

Post Title \_\_\_\_\_

Director of Marine

Date \_\_\_\_\_

9 March 2006

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

Head: 100 Marine Department

Subhead:

Programme: (2) Port Services

Controlling Officer: Director of Marine

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

Question:

The estimate for 2006-07 has increased by \$24.1m (8.2%) when compared with the revised estimate for 2005-06. One of the main reasons is the full-year provision for the cross-boundary ferry terminal at Tuen Mun. In this connection, please provide details of –

- (a) the actual expenditure for the cross-boundary ferry terminal at Tuen Mun in 2005 and the estimated expenditure for 2006; and
- (b) the staff establishment for the two years under the above plan.

Asked by: Hon. CHAN Wai-yip, Albert

Reply:

- (a) The estimated expenditure of the Marine Department in 2005-06 and 2006-07 for the cross-boundary ferry terminal at Tuen Mun are \$0.1 million and \$3.0 million respectively.
- (b) The following nine posts were created in November 2005 for the preparation and manning of the cross-boundary ferry terminal at Tuen Mun -
  - one Assistant Marine Controller;
  - three Marine Inspector I; and
  - five Marine Inspector II.

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ROGER TUPPER

Post Title \_\_\_\_\_

Director of Marine

Date \_\_\_\_\_

9 March 2006



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

Head: 100 - Marine Department

Subhead:

Programme: (2) Port Services

Controlling Officer: Director of Marine

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

Question:

Regarding the matters requiring special attention in 2006-07, the Marine Department will continue to improve the general environment of the China Ferry Terminal and Macau Ferry Terminal. Please give details of the improvement plans and the expenditure involved.

Asked by: Hon. LAU Kin-yee, Miriam

Reply:

As part of the programme to maintain and improve facilities at the two marine ferry terminals, the following works will be carried out in 2006-07 -

- (a) refurbishment of four hydrofoil platforms;
- (b) refurbishment of three boarding ramps;
- (c) replacement of two centrifugal chillers of the air-conditioning system;
- (d) replacement of deteriorated and aged components of the heating, ventilating and air-conditioning system;
- (e) replacement of a Very High Frequency radio transceiver system for the Berthing Control Office;
- (f) replacement of the driving chain system and associated components of the Baggage Handling system;
- (g) replacement of two tow tractors;
- (h) replacement of three air circuit breakers and associated components of the electricity system; and
- (i) replacement of the aged and deteriorated parts of lifts.

The estimated provision in 2006-07 for the above items is \$18.9 million. In addition, approval of the Finance Committee has been sought for the replacement of the sailing information display systems at the two terminals. The approved provision for the project is \$24.3 million while the estimated requirement for 2006-07 is \$5 million.

Signature \_\_\_\_\_

Name in block letters \_\_\_\_\_ ROGER TUPPER

Post Title \_\_\_\_\_ Director of Marine

Date \_\_\_\_\_ 10 March 2006

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Reply Serial No.

ETWB(T)036

Question Serial No.

0164

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

Programme : Transport

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

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

Question :

Regarding the study for the merger of the two railway corporations and the planning of the Sha Tin to Central Link, what preparatory work is currently undertaken by the Administration and what progress has been made? What is the provision in 2006-07 for these two areas of work?

Asked by : Hon. LAU Kong-wah

Reply :

A provision of \$4.3 million has been included in the estimates under Head 158 Government Secretariat: Environment, Transport and Works Bureau (Transport Branch) in 2006-07 for a dedicated team to handle the work on the possible merger of the two railway corporations. Apart from that, the Financial Services and the Treasury Bureau (FSTB) has set aside \$7 million under Head 147 – Government Secretariat: Financial Services and the Treasury Bureau (The Treasury Branch) in 2006-07 for engaging consultants to advise the Government on the relevant aspects of the possible merger. The Environment, Transport and Works Bureau (ETWB) and the FSTB are conducting further discussions with the two railway corporations on matters relating to a possible merger. The two bureaux and MTR Corporation Limited (MTRCL) are also discussing the terms for the possible merger, which have to strike a balance between the interests of different stakeholders, including the travelling public, staff, tax payers and MTRCL minority shareholders. We aim to complete the merger discussions and make an announcement as early as possible.

The Administration is assessing the proposed Sha Tin to Central Link (SCL) scheme submitted by Kowloon-Canton Railway Corporation (KCRC) and the proposed SCL scheme in the joint report submitted by KCRC and MTRCL on the possible merger. The intention is to decide on the way forward for the SCL together with the way forward for the possible merger. The Transport Branch of ETWB is carrying out the planning of the SCL using its internal resources.

Signature \_\_\_\_\_

Name in block letters JOSHUA LAW

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

Date 11 March 2006

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Reply Serial No.

**ETWB(T)037**

Question Serial No.

0165

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

Programme : Transport

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

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

Question :

With regard to the assessment on the viability of the South Island Line, what is the present progress and when will the result be published? What is the provision in 2006-07 for the implementation of this project?

Asked by : Hon. LAU Kong Wah

Reply :

The Administration has undertaken to review the way forward for the proposed South Island Line (SIL) in the light of the results of the Planning Department's review (the review) of the commercial and tourism developments in Southern District and taking into account Ocean Park's redevelopment project. The Planning Department has just completed the review at the end of February 2006. We are studying the results of the review and considering the way forward for the SIL taking into consideration its transport, economic and financial performance, as well as its impact on road-based public transport. We hope to be able to complete the assessment within the second quarter of 2006. The Transport Branch is carrying out the assessment work using its internal resources.

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Name in block letters JOSHUA LAW

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

Date 11 March 2006

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INITIAL WRITTEN QUESTION**

Reply Serial No.

**ETWB(T)038**

Question Serial No.

0166

Head : Subhead (No. & title) :

158 – Government Secretariat:  
Environment, Transport and  
Works Bureau (Transport Branch)

Programme : Transport

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

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

Question :

Regarding the deployment of environmentally-friendly buses along busy corridors by franchised bus companies, please provide –

- (a) the number of environmentally-friendly buses currently deployed by each franchised bus company along busy corridors and route details; and
- (b) the current proportion of environmentally-friendly buses to non-environmentally-friendly buses of each franchised bus company.

Asked by : Hon. LAU Kong-wah

Reply :

- (a) As at end January 2006, the number of buses meeting Euro II or above emission standard operated by each franchised bus company in the five specified busy corridors, i.e. Yee Wo Street, Hennessy Road, Queensway, Des Voeux Road Central and Nathan Road, and their respective number of routes involved, are set out in the table below.

<b>Busy Corridors<sup>1</sup></b>		<b>KMB<sup>2</sup></b>	<b>Citybus<sup>2</sup></b>	<b>NWFB<sup>2</sup></b>	<b>Total<sup>3</sup></b>
Yee Wo Street	No. of buses	166	250	183	599
	No. of routes	22	24	15	49
Hennessy Road	No. of buses	309	268	309	886
	No. of routes	37	39	28	82

1 Some of the bus routes/buses operate in more than one corridor.

2 “KMB” refers to “Kowloon Motor Bus Company (1933) Limited”, “Citybus” refers to “Citybus Limited” and “NWFB” refers to “New World First Bus Services Limited”. The other two bus companies, i.e. Long Win Bus Company Limited and New Lantao Bus Company (1973) Limited do not provide bus services on the five specified busy corridors.

3 The number of bus routes of various companies may not add up to the total number of bus routes because some bus routes are jointly operated by two companies.

<b>Busy Corridors<sup>1</sup></b>		<b>KMB<sup>2</sup></b>	<b>Citybus<sup>2</sup></b>	<b>NWFB<sup>2</sup></b>	<b>Total<sup>3</sup></b>
Queensway	No. of buses	284	252	215	751
	No. of routes	41	38	25	86
Des Voeux Road Central	No. of buses	233	153	141	527
	No. of routes	30	23	16	52
Nathan Road	No. of buses	966	34	48	1,048
	No. of routes	89	6	5	95

Details of the bus routes are set out at Annex.

- (b) As at end January 2006, the proportion of buses which meet different emission standards of each franchised bus company is shown below. All pre-Euro and Euro I buses have been fitted with emission reduction devices.

<b>Types of Bus Engines</b>	<b>KMB</b>	<b>Citybus</b>	<b>NWFB</b>	<b>NLB<sup>4</sup></b>	<b>Long Win<sup>4</sup></b>
<b>Pre-Euro</b>	656 (16.3%)	48 (5.3%)	50 (7.2%)	3 (3.5%)	8 (5.5%)
<b>Euro I</b>	939 (23.4%)	308 (33.8%)	91 (13.1%)	12 (14.0%)	0 (0%)
<b>Euro II</b>	1,492 (37.1%)	544 (59.8%)	481 (69.0%)	57 (66.2%)	136 (92.5%)
<b>Euro III</b>	933 (23.2%)	10 (1.1%)	75 (10.7%)	14 (16.3%)	3 (2.0%)
<b>Total fleet</b>	4,020	910	697	86	147

Signature \_\_\_\_\_

Name in block letters JOSHUA LAW

Post Title Permanent Secretary for the  
Environment, Transport and  
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Date 11 March 2006

<sup>4</sup> “NLB” refers to New Lantao Bus Company (1973) Limited and “Long Win” refers to Long Win Bus Company Limited.

**Routes solely operated by KMB**

Route No.	Origin – Destination
1	Star Ferry – Chuk Yuen Estate
1A	Sau Mau Ping (Central) – Star Ferry
2	So Uk – Star Ferry
2A	Lok Wah – Mei Foo
2C	Yau Yat Chuen to Tsim Sha Tsui (Circular)
3C	Tsz Wan Shan (North) – China Ferry Terminal
6	Mei Foo – Star Ferry
6A	Lai Chi Kok – Star Ferry
6C	Mei Foo – Kowloon City Ferry
6F	Lai Kok – Kowloon City Ferry
8	MTR Kowloon Station – Star Ferry
9	Ping Shek – Star Ferry
13P	Po Tat to Lai Kok
13X	Po Tat – Tsim Sha Tsui East
26	Shun Tin – Tsim Sha Tsui East
27	Shun Tin to Mong Kok (Circular)
30X	Allway Gardens – Whampoa Garden
32	Shek Wai Kok – Olympic Station
33A	Tsuen Wan (Nina Tower) – Mong Kok (Park Avenue)
35A	On Yam – Tsim Sha Tsui East
36B	Lei Muk Shue Estate Public Transport Interchange – Jordan (Wui Cheung Road)
37	Kwai Shing (Central) – Olympic Station
41	Cheung Ching – Kowloon City Ferry
41A	Cheung On – Tsim Sha Tsui (East)
42A	Cheung Hang – Jordan (Wui Cheung Road)
44	Tsing Yi Estate - Mong Kong KCR Station
44P	Tsing Yi Ferry - Mong Kong KCR Station
45	Lai Yiu – Kowloon City Ferry

46	Lai Yiu – Jordan (Wui Cheung Road)
58X	Lai King Estate – Mong Kok KCR Station
59X	Tuen Mun Pier Head – Mong Kok KCR Station
60X	Tuen Mun Central – Jordan (Wui Cheung Road)
63X	Tin Tsz – Jordan (Wui Cheung Road)
66X	Tai Hing – Olympic Station
67X	Siu Hong Court – Mong Kong KCR Station
68X	Yuen Long (East) – Jordan (Wui Cheung Road)
69X	Tin Shui – Jordan (Wui Cheung Road)
70	Sheung Shui – Jordan (Wui Cheung Road)
81	Wo Che – Jordan (Wui Cheung Road)
81C	Yiu On – Hung Hom Station
81P	Sha Tin Wai Bus Terminus to Tsim Sha Tsui (Chatham Road South)
87A	Pok Hong – Mong Kok (Park Avenue)
87B	Sun Tin Wai – Tai Kok Tsui (Island Harbourview)
87D	Kam Ying Court – Hung Hom Station
93K	Po Lam – Mong Kok KCR Station
95	Tsui Lam – Jordan (Wui Cheung Road)
98C	Hang Hau (North) – Mei Foo
98D	Hang Hau (North) – Tsim Sha Tsui East
102P	Aldrich Bay to Mei Foo
108	Kowloon City (Shing Tak Street) – Braemar Hill
203E	MTR Kowloon Station – Fu Shan Public Transport Terminus
212	Whampoa Garden – Sham Shui Poi (Tonkin Street)
219P	Yau Tong (Yan Wing Street) to Tsim Sha Tsui (Circular)
219X	Laguna City to Tsim Sha Tsui East (Circular)
224X	Kai Yip to Tsim Sha Tsui East (Circular)
230X	Allway Gardens to Whampoa Garden
234P	Bayview Garden to Star Ferry
234X	Bayview Garden – Tsim Sha Tsui (Hankow Road)
237A	Kwai Shing (Central) – Tsim Sha Tsui
238P	Riviera Gardens to China Ferry Terminal



238X	Riviera Gardens – China Ferry Terminal
242X	Cheung Hang to Tsim Sha Tsui, Jordan (Wui Cheung Road) to Cheung Wang
252B	Handsome Court to Tsim Sha Tsui
259B	Tuen Mun Pier Head to Tsim Sha Tsui
259C	Sun Tuen Mun Centre to Tsim Sha Tsui
260B	Tuen Mun Central to Tsim Sha Tsui
260P	Shan King to Mong Kok
260S	Canton Road (Lai Chack Middle School) to Po Tin
260X	Po Tin – Hung Hom Station
261B	Sam Shing to Tsim Sha Tsui
265B	Tin Heng Estate – Mok Kok (Park Avenue)
267S	Siu Hong Court to Tsim Sha Tsui
268B	Long Ping West Rail Station – Hung Hom Ferry
269B	Tin Shui Wai Town Centre – Hung Hom Ferry
270A	Sheung Shui – MTR Kowloon Station
271	Fu Heng – Tsim Sha Tsui (Canton Road)
280P	Siu Wo Court to Tsim Sha Tsui
281A	Kwong Yuen – MTR Kowloon Station
296C	Sheung Tak – Sham Shui Po (Tonkin Street)
296D	Sheung Tak – Jordan (Wui Cheung Road)
336	Lei Muk Shue Public Transport Interchange to Sheung Wan
373	Sheung Shui – Sheung Wan
601(special)	Po Tat to Sheung Wan
603	Ping Tin – Central (Central Ferry Piers)
603P	Admiralty MTR Station to Ping Tin
934	Bayview Garden – Wan Chai
935	On Yam – Wan Chai
960	Kin Sang – Wan Chai Ferry
960P	Hung Shui Kiu to Wan Chai Ferry
961	Shan King – Wan Chai (HKCECE)
968	Yuen Long (West) – Causeway Bay (Tin Hau)

T6	Aberdeen (Shek Pai Wan) – Sai Kung (Pak Tam Chung)
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**Routes solely operated by Citybus**

Route No.	Origin - Destination
1	Happy Valley (Upper) – Kennedy Town
3B	Pokfield Road – Central (Man Kat Street Bus Terminus)
5	Felix Villas – Causeway Bay (Whitfield Road)
5B	Kennedy Town to Causeway Bay (Circular)
5C	Shek Tong Tsui (Queen’s Road West) to Wan Chai (Luard Road)
5S	Causeway Bay (Whitfield Road) (Sai Ying Pun bound) / Causeway Bay (Pennington Street) (Causeway Bay bound) - Sai Ying Pun (Centre Street)
5X	Kennedy Town – Wan Chai (Luard Road)(Wan Chai bound) / Wan Chai (Southorn Playground) (Kennedy Town bound)
10	Kennedy Town – North Point Ferry
11	Central (Central Ferry Piers) to Jardine’s Lookout (Circular)
12A	Admiralty (Tamar Street) to MacDonnell Road (Circular)
12M	Admiralty (Tamar Street) to Park Road (Circular)
25A	Wan Chai (HKCECE) to Braemar Hill (Circular)
25C	Wan Chai (HKCECE) to Braemar Hill (Circular)
37A	Chi Fu Fa Yuen to Admiralty (Circular)
37X	Chi Fu Fa Yuen to Central (Circular)
40	Wah Fu (North) / Cyberport – Wan Chai Ferry
40M	Wah Fu (North) – Wan Chai Ferry
M47	Wah Fu (North) – Central (Hong Kong Station)
70	Aberdeen – Central (Exchange Square)
72	Wah Kwai – Causeway Bay (Moreton Terrace)
72A	Shum Wan Public Transport Terminus – Causeway Bay (Moreton Terrace)
75	Wong Chuk Hang Bus Terminus – Central (Exchange Square)
76	Shek Pai Wan – Causeway Bay (Moreton Terrace)
77	Tin Wan Estate – Shau Kei Wan

90	Ap Lei Chau Estate – Central (Exchange Square)
90B	South Horizons to Admiralty MTR Station (East) (Circular)
92	Ap Lei Chau Estate to Causeway Bay (Circular)
96	Lei Tung Estate – Causeway Bay (Moreton Terrace)
97	Lei Tung Estate – Central (Exchange Square)
260	Stanley Prison – Central (Exchange Square)
511	Central (Central Ferry Piers) to Jardine’s Lookout (Circular)
592	South Horizons – Causeway Bay (Moreton Terrace)
780	Chai Wan (East) – Central (Central Ferry Piers)
788	Siu Sai Wan (Island Resort) – Central (Macau Ferry)
789	Siu Sai Wan (Island Resort) – Admiralty (Rodney Street)
930	Admiralty MTR Station (East) – Tsuen Wan West Rail Station Public Transport Interchange
962	Tuen Mun (Lung Mun Oasis) – Causeway Bay (Moreton Terrace)
962A	Tuen Mun (Yuet Wu Villa) to Admiralty (Cotton Tree Drive slip road outside Lippo Centre)
962B	Tuen Mun (Chi Lok Fa Yuen) to Admiralty MTR Station (West)
967	Tin Shui Wai North (Tin Yan Estate) – Admiralty MTR Station (West)
969	Tin Shui Wai Town Centre – Causeway Bay (Moreton Terrace)
A11	North Point Ferry Pier – Airport (Ground Transportation Centre)
E11	Causeway Bay (Tin Hau) – AsiaWorld-Expo
A21	Hung Hom Station – Airport (Ground Transportation Centre)
E21	Tai Kok Tsui (Island Harbourview) Bus Terminus – AsiaWorld-Expo
E21A	Tai Kok Tsui (Island Harbourview) Bus Terminus – Yat Tung Estate Public Transport Terminus
R21	Hung Hom (Laguna Verde) – Hong Kong Disneyland

**Routes solely operated by NWFB**

Route No.	Origin – Destination
2	Aldrich Bay – Central (Macau Ferry Pier)
2A	Yiu Tung Estate – Wan Chai Ferry
2X	Aldrich Bay – Wan Chai Ferry Pier

8	Siu Sai Wan (Island Resort) – Wan Chai Ferry Pier
8P	Siu Sai Wan (Island Resort) – Wan Chai Ferry Pier
15	The Peak – Central (Exchange Square)
18	North Point (Health Street Central) – Kennedy Bay (Belcher Bay Temporary Bus Terminus)
23	Pokfield Road – North Point Ferry
23A	Lai Tak Tsuen to Robinson Road (Circular)
23B	Braemar Hill to Park Road (Circular)
25	Central (Central Ferry Piers) to Tin Hau Temple Road (Circular)
26	Lai Tak Tsuen to Hollywood Road (Circular)
38	Chi Fu Fa Yuen – North Point Ferry
42	Wa Fu (South) – North Point Ferry
43X	Wah Kwai Estate – Admiralty MTR Station (East)
66	Ma Hang Estate – Central (Exchange Square)
M590	South Horizons to Central (Exchange Square) (Circular)
720	Aldrich Bay – Central (Macau Ferry)
720A	Aldrich Bay to Admiralty (Circular)
720P	Tai Koo Shing to Central (Gilman Street) (Circular)
M722	Yiu Tung Estate to Central (Hong Kong Station) (Circular)
796C	Tseung Kwan O Public Transport Interchange – So Uk
970	So Uk – Cyberport

### **Routes jointly operated by KMB and Citybus**

102	Mei Foo – Aldrich Bay
103	Chuk Yuen Estate – Pokfield Road
117	Sham Shui Po (Yen Chow Street) – Happy Valley (Lower)
118	Siu Sai Wan (Island Resort) – Sham Shui Po (Tonkin Street)
118P	Siu Sai Wan (Island Resort) - Sham Shui Po (Tonkin Street)
170	Shatin KCR Station – Wa Fu (Central)
171	South Horizons – Cheung Sha Wan
171P	South Horizons to Cheung Sha Wan
182	Yu Chui Court – Central (Macau Ferry)

182P	Yu Chui Court to Central (Macau Ferry)
307	Tai Po Central – Central (Central Ferry Piers)
619	Shun Lee – Central (Macau Ferry)
621	Laguna City – Central (Hong Kong Station Public Transport Interchange)
671	Diamond Hill MTR Station – Ap Lei Chau (Lee Lok Street)
681	Ma On Shan Town Centre – Central (Hong Kong Station Public Transport Interchange)
681P	Yiu On – Sheung Wan
690	Hong Sing Garden – Central (Exchange Square)
690P	Hong Sing Garden – Central (Exchange Square)

### **Routes jointly operated by KMB and NWFB**

Route No.	Origin – Destination
101	Kwun Tong (Yue Man Square) – Kennedy Town
104	Pak Tin – Kennedy Town
109	Ho Man Tin – Central (Macau Ferry)
111	Ping Shek – Central (Macau Ferry)
112	So Uk – North Point
113	Choi Hung – Kennedy Town (Belcher Bay Temporary Bus Terminus)
115	Kowloon City Ferry – Central (Macau Ferry)
116	Tsz Wan Shan (Central) – Quarry Bay
301	Hung Hom (Cross Harbour Tunnel Toll Plaza) to Sheung Wan
302	Tsz Wan Shan (North) – Sheung Wan
305	Mei Lam to Sheung Wan
601	Po Tat – Drake Street Bus Terminus
601P	Po Tat to Sheung Wan
641	Kai Yip – Central (Macau Ferry)
680	Lee On – Admiralty MTR Station (East)
680P	Ma On Shan Town Centre to Admiralty MTR Station (East)
680X	Lee On – Central (Macau Ferry Pier)
692	Hang Hau (North) – Central (Exchange Square)
904	Kennedy Town – Lai Chi Kok

905	Lai Chi Kok – Wan Chai Ferry Pier
914	Hoi Lai Estate – Causeway Bay (Tin Hau)
948	Cheung On Estate – Causeway Bay (Tin Hau)
948P	Cheung On Estate to Causeway Bay (Tin Hau)

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INITIAL WRITTEN QUESTION**

Reply Serial No.

**ETWB(T)039**

Question Serial No.

0167

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

Programme : Transport

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

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

Question :

With regard to the review of the current quota arrangements for cross-boundary vehicles, please provide –

- (a) the number of quotas in the past three years and the next three years as well as the expenditure for this task and the estimate for 2006-07; and
- (b) the waiting time for applications for permit for cross-boundary vehicle; and advise whether there is any plan to allocate additional resources to expedite the processing of applications.

Asked by : Hon. LAU Kong-wah

Reply :

- (a) Cross-boundary vehicle quotas are mainly issued to two types of vehicles, i.e. coaches and private cars. The numbers of quotas issued in the past three years are as follows -

<b>Year</b>	<b>Number of coach quotas issued</b>	<b>Number of private car quotas issued</b>
2003	57	1,080
2004	480	1,080
2005	168	1,080

Cross-boundary vehicle quotas are issued with reference to the handling capacity of our land control points in order to ensure a smooth cross-boundary traffic flow. The commissioning of the Hong Kong-Shenzhen Western Corridor will provide additional capacity to handle cross-boundary traffic. We are actively discussing with the Mainland authorities on the quota arrangements. We will firm up the arrangements and process applications for quotas for the new control point in good time before its commissioning.

The Environment, Transport and Works Bureau has been undertaking the review of vehicle quotas with the Mainland authorities by deployment of internal resources, with the support of the Transport Department (TD) and other relevant departments.

- (b) New private car quotas for Lok Ma Chau and Sha Tau Kok Control Points are issued every month. Eligible applicants have to apply for approval from the relevant Mainland authorities and Closed Road Permits (CRPs) from TD. The CRPs can normally be issued within five working days, but applicants for the Lok Ma Chau CRPs will normally need to wait for about six months. The waiting time is caused by the limited number of CRPs that can be issued under the quota system and the high demand rather than the lack of resources to process applications.

Coach quotas are not issued regularly. When new quotas are available, we will invite applications from operators, and we do not maintain a waiting list of applicants.

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Date 11 March 2006



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Reply Serial No.

**ETWB(T)040**

Question Serial No.

0316

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

Programme : Transport

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

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

Question :

According to a meeting paper of the Fourth Session of the Tenth Guangdong Provincial People's Congress, the construction of the Hong Kong-Zhuhai-Macao Bridge was scheduled to commence in 2007 for completion in 2015. In the matters requiring special attention in 2006-07, it was stated that the Administration would continue with the preparatory work for the project. In this connection, will the Administration inform this Council of the progress of its discussion with the Guangdong and Macao authorities on the above project; the details of the works for the Hong Kong section of the Bridge; the anticipated commencement date of the works and the details of financial provision and manpower arrangement?

Asked by : Hon. FUNG Kin-kee, Frederick

Reply :

Substantial progress has been made with the advance work for the Hong Kong-Zhuhai-Macao Bridge (HZMB). The HZMB Advance Work Co-ordination Group (AWCG) set up by the three governments of Hong Kong, Guangdong and Macao has already reached agreement on the alignment and landing points of the HZMB. The agreed alignment, known as the northern bridge-cum-tunnel alignment, will land in Northwest Lantau near the San Shek Wan headland on the east, and in Gongbei of Zhuhai and A Pérola of Macao on the west.

The feasibility study for the HZMB has also been substantially completed. It covers over 20 different topical studies, including assessments on the environment, hydrology, traffic, marine, wind speed, etc. The AWCG is now deliberating the findings of the feasibility study, and is deciding on the actions that need to be taken in the next stage of work with a view to implementing the project as soon as possible.

On another front, the Hong Kong SAR Government has already commenced an investigation and preliminary design study for the section of the HZMB within Hong Kong and for the North Lantau Highway Connection (NLHC); the latter will connect the bridge to the local transport network. The objective of the study is to determine a preferred alignment, and various impact assessments including assessments on traffic, environment, etc. are being carried out. We are now evaluating the possible alignment options for the NLHC, and have started to consult the relevant stakeholders on them.

As regards the way forward for the Hong Kong section of the HZMB and the NLHC, the project will need to go through all the relevant statutory procedures, including application for approval of the environmental impact assessment report for the project in accordance with the Environmental Impact Assessment Ordinance, as well as gazetting and authorisation of the works under the Roads (Works, Use and Compensation) Ordinance. The next step that follows would be to proceed with the tendering, detailed design and construction work for the NLHC to tie in with the progress of the HZMB.

We will seek funding approval from the Finance Committee of the Legislative Council in due course for the subsequent work in the light of the further progress of the project.

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Date 11 March 2006

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Reply Serial No.

**ETWB(T)041**

Question Serial No.

2128

Head : Subhead (No. & title) :

158 – Government Secretariat:  
Environment, Transport and  
Works Bureau (Transport Branch)

Programme : Transport

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

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

Question :

In 2006-07, the Transport Branch will delete three posts. Please advise on the following –

- (a) the title, rank and number of the posts to be deleted;
- (b) the reason(s) for the deletion;
- (c) the arrangements to be put in place to handle the work of the posts deleted;
- (d) the estimated savings; and
- (e) whether all the savings will be kept in the operating expenses of the Branch.

Asked by : Hon. WONG Kwok-hing

Reply :

The three posts comprise one Workman II post, one Administrative Officer Staff Grade B (AOSGB) post and one Administrative Officer Staff Grade C (AOSGC) post.

The permanent Workman II post, which provides general office support service, will be transferred to the Environmental Protection Department (EPD) as a consequence of the separation of the administrative support services for Transport Branch and the former Environment Branch, upon the merger of the latter with EPD. Salary provision of \$110,000 for the post has already been excluded from the draft Estimate of Head 158 and placed under that of Head 44 – EPD. The redeployment is cost neutral.

The supernumerary AOSGB and AOSGC posts, designated as Deputy Secretary for the Environment, Transport and Works (Transport)<sup>4</sup> and Principal Assistant Secretary for the Environment, Transport and Works (Transport) Special Duties respectively, handle work on the possible merger of the MTR Corporation Limited and Kowloon-Canton Railway Corporation. With the approval of the Finance Committee (FC), the two posts were created for two years from 1 July 2004 and are due to lapse on 30 June 2006. We are considering extending these posts to tie in with the progress of the possible merger of the two railway corporations. We will seek the approval of the Establishment Subcommittee/FC for any proposed extension of the posts.

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Reply Serial No.

**ETWB(T)042**

Question Serial No.

2129

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

Programme : Transport

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

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

Question :

Regarding the merger of the MTR Corporation Limited and the Kowloon-Canton Railway Corporation, please advise on –

- (a) the latest progress;
- (b) whether a timetable for the merger will be drawn up in 2006-07; and
- (c) the amount of resources involved.

Asked by : Hon. WONG Kwok-hing

Reply :

- (a) The Environment, Transport and Works Bureau (ETWB) and the Financial Services and the Treasury Bureau (FSTB) are conducting further discussions with the two railway corporations on matters relating to a possible merger. The two bureaux and MTR Corporation Limited (MTRCL) are also discussing the terms for the possible merger, which have to strike a balance between the interests of different stakeholders, including the travelling public, staff, tax payers and MTRCL minority shareholders.
- (b) We aim to complete the merger discussions and make an announcement as early as possible. In view of the complexity and wide implications of the possible merger, we are not able to set an implementation timetable at this stage.
- (c) A provision of \$4.3 million has been included in the estimates under Head 158 – Government Secretariat: Environment, Transport and Works Bureau (Transport Branch) in 2006–07 for a dedicated team in the ETWB to handle the work on the possible merger of the two railway corporations. Apart from that, FSTB has set aside \$7 million under Head 147 – Government Secretariat: Financial Services and the Treasury Bureau (The Treasury Branch) in 2006-07 for engaging consultants to advise the Government on the relevant aspects of the possible merger.

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Reply Serial No.

**ETWB(T)043**

Question Serial No.

2235

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

Programme : Transport

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

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

Question :

In 2006-07, the Transport Branch will delete one permanent post. Please advise on the details of the post to be deleted and the savings in expenditure.

Asked by : Hon. LEUNG Yiu-chung

Reply :

The permanent post is a Workman II post which provides general office support service. The post will be transferred to the Environmental Protection Department (EPD) as a consequence of the separation of the administrative support services for Transport Branch and the former Environment Branch, upon the merger of the latter with EPD. Salary provision of \$110,000 for the post has already been excluded from the draft Estimate of Head 158 and placed under that of Head 44 – EPD. The redeployment is cost neutral.

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Reply Serial No.

**ETWB(T)044**

Question Serial No.

2252

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

Programme : Transport

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

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

Question :

What are the specific details of the Administration's joint working with the Mainland authorities on the development of the Guangzhou – Shenzhen – Hong Kong Express Rail Link in 2006-07?

Asked by : Hon. TAM Yiu-chung

Reply :

The Joint Expert Group (JEG) co-chaired by the State Ministry of Railways and the Environment, Transport and Works Bureau has achieved substantial progress on the Guangzhou – Shenzhen – Hong Kong Express Rail Link (ERL) project. Consensus has been reached on the alignment of the Mainland section and the station locations. Main technical standards have also been agreed, including the adoption of wheel-on-track technology. Recently, the Mainland authority has embarked on the construction of the section of the ERL between Shibi in Guangzhou and Longhua in Shenzhen. The construction of the remaining Mainland section between Longhua and the boundary will be carried out in synchronisation with the construction of the Hong Kong section.

The Executive Council approved the commencement of further planning of the Hong Kong section of the ERL in January 2006. We have invited the Kowloon-Canton Railway Corporation to undertake the further planning work.



In 2006-07, the Environment, Transport and Works Bureau will continue to work closely with the State Ministry of Railways under the framework of the JEG. The issues that we will discuss with the Mainland side in the next phase of work will include the design of Longhua Station in Shenzhen and Shibi Station in Guangzhou. The objective is to ensure that the stations will meet the needs of passengers travelling to and from Hong Kong. Moreover, the two sides will discuss the technical issues relating to the connection between the Mainland and Hong Kong sections of the ERL. In this regard, we have established a Shenzhen-Hong Kong Joint Working Group with the Shenzhen Municipal Government under the JEG framework to enhance our communication with the Shenzhen authority. We will consider setting up other working groups as necessary.

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**ETWB(T)045**

Question Serial No.

2253

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

Programme : Transport

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

Question :

What is the specific plan in 2006-07 for taking forward the preparatory work for the Hong Kong-Zhuhai-Macao Bridge?

Asked by : Hon. TAM Yiu-chung

Reply :

Substantial progress has been made with the advance work for the Hong Kong-Zhuhai-Macao Bridge (HZMB). The HZMB Advance Work Co-ordination Group (AWCG) set up by the three governments of Hong Kong, Guangdong and Macao has already reached agreement on the alignment and landing points of the HZMB. The feasibility study for the HZMB has also been substantially completed.

The AWCG is deliberating the findings of the feasibility study, and is deciding on the actions that need to be taken in the next stage of work with a view to implementing the project as soon as possible.

On another front, the Hong Kong SAR Government has already commenced an investigation and preliminary design study for the section of the HZMB within Hong Kong and for the North Lantau Highway Connection (NLHC); the latter will connect the bridge to the local transport network. The objective of the study is to determine a preferred alignment, and various impact assessments including assessments on traffic, environment, etc. are being carried out.

We are now evaluating the possible alignment options for the NLHC, and have started to consult the relevant stakeholders on them. The Hong Kong section of the HZMB and the NLHC will need to go through all the relevant statutory procedures, including application for approval of the environmental impact assessment report for the project in accordance with the Environmental Impact Assessment Ordinance, as well as gazetting and authorisation of the works under the Roads (Works, Use and Compensation) Ordinance. The next step that follows would be to proceed with the tendering, detailed design and construction work for the NLHC to tie in with the progress of the HZMB.

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**ETWB(T)046**

Question Serial No.

2294

Head : Subhead (No. & title) :  
158 – Government Secretariat:  
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Programme : Transport

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

The recent mechanical problems besetting Kowloon-Canton Railway Corporation trains has revealed the shortage of manpower in the Hong Kong Railway Inspectorate (HKRI). In this connection, does the Administration have any plans to increase related expenditure and manpower in 2006-07 to enhance the monitoring of railway safety? If so, please provide the details; if not, the reasons for that.

Asked by : Hon. LAU Chin-shek

Reply :

To deal with the problem of cracks in the underframe equipment of East Rail (ER) trains and to ensure the safe operation of ER services, eight professionals from the Electrical and Mechanical Services Department have been specially deployed to assist the Hong Kong Railway Inspectorate (HKRI) to handle the ER underframe equipment problem. We will keep under review the establishment of HKRI to ensure that the Government has sufficient resources to monitor the operations of the railways.

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2295

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Programme : Transport

Controlling Officer : Permanent Secretary for the Environment, Transport and Works  
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Question : What is the latest timetable for the merger of the MTR Corporation Limited and the Kowloon-Canton Railway Corporation, and the expenditure involved in taking forward this task?

Asked by : Hon. LAU Chin-shek

Reply :

The Environment, Transport and Works Bureau (ETWB) and the Financial Services and the Treasury Bureau (FSTB) are conducting further discussions with the two railway corporations on matters relating to a possible merger. The two bureaux and MTR Corporation Limited (MTRCL) are also discussing the terms for the possible merger, which have to strike a balance between the interests of different stakeholders, including the travelling public, staff, tax payers and MTRCL minority shareholders. We aim to complete the merger discussions and make an announcement as early as possible. In view of the complexity and wide implications of the possible merger, we are not able to set an implementation timetable at this stage.

A provision of \$4.3 million has been included in the estimates under Head 158 – Government Secretariat: Environment, Transport and Works Bureau (Transport Branch) in 2006–07 for a dedicated team in the ETWB to handle the work on the possible merger of the two railway corporations. Apart from that, FSTB has set aside \$7 million under Head 147 – Government Secretariat: Financial Services and the Treasury Bureau (The Treasury Branch) in 2006-07 for engaging consultants to advise the Government on the relevant aspects of the possible merger.

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Reply Serial No.

ETWB(T)048

Question Serial No.

0155

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 : Regarding the matters requiring special attention in 2006-07, please provide the details of the new bus-bus interchange schemes including the interchange locations to be implemented by franchised bus operators.

Asked by : Hon. LAU Kong-wah

Reply :

A total of 35 bus-bus interchange (“BBI”) schemes are planned for implementation in 2006. They will involve 178 bus routes serving the New Territories, Kowloon, Hong Kong Island and the Airport with fare discounts ranging from \$1.0 to \$20.7. The interchange locations of the 35 BBI schemes are –

Hong Kong Island

1. Aberdeen Tunnel Toll Plaza
2. Causeway Road
3. Gloucester Road
4. King’s Road
5. Shau Kei Wan Road
6. Tai Hong Street
7. Tai On Street

Kowloon

8. Cross Harbour Tunnel Toll Plaza
9. Cheung Sha Wan Road
10. Choi Hung Estate Bus Terminus
11. Choi Hung Road
12. Eastern Harbour Crossing Toll Plaza
13. Kwun Tong Road
14. Lung Cheung Road
15. Ma Tau Chung Road
16. Ma Tau Wai Road
17. Prince Edward Road East
18. Western Harbour Crossing Toll Plaza

New Territories

19. Bayview Garden Bus Terminus, Tsuen Wan
20. Castle Peak Road
21. Che Kung Miu Road/Hung Mui Kuk Road
22. Cheung Wing Road
23. Choi Yuen Road
24. Fanling Station Road/Pak Wo Road
25. Kwong Fuk Road
26. Luen Wo Hui
27. San Wan Road outside Sheung Shui KCR Station
28. Sheung Shui Landmark North Bus Terminus
29. Shatin Central Bus Terminus
30. Shatin Town Hall
31. Tai Chung Kiu Road
32. Tai Ho Road
33. Tai Lam Tunnel Toll Plaza
34. Tai Wo Bus Terminus
35. Wah Ming Estate Bus Terminus

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**ETWB(T)049**

Question Serial No.

0156

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 : Regarding the matters requiring special attention in 2006-07, the Administration will continue to improve the waiting environment of public transport interchanges for passengers through upgrading of ventilation plants and physical environment, and conduct monitoring surveys on air quality. What are the details and associated expenditure? Will the Administration carry out research to identify public transport interchanges in the territory which should be accorded priority for improvement to their waiting environment?

Asked by : Hon. LAU Kong-wah

Reply :

The Transport Department regularly reviews and implements programmes to improve the waiting environment for passengers at public transport interchanges. Public transport interchanges of relatively old design and with high utilisation rate will be accorded priority for improvement.

In 2006-07, we plan to upgrade the physical environment of the following public transport interchanges –

- (a) Lok Fu;
- (b) Admiralty (East);
- (c) Tsuen Wan MTR Station;
- (d) Sai Lau Kok;
- (e) Whampoa Garden;
- (f) Tuen Mun Town Centre; and
- (g) Exchange Square.

We will also conduct air quality surveys at 15 public transport interchanges and continue to upgrade the ventilation system at the South Horizons public transport interchange.

The total expenditure for the above upgrading works and surveys is about \$15.3 million.

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**ETWB(T)050**

Question Serial No.

0157

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 : Regarding the matters requiring special attention in 2006-07, please advise the details of continuing the development and implementation of the Transport Information System and its estimated expenditure.

Asked by : Hon. LAU Kong-wah

Reply :

The Transport Department invited tenders for the development and implementation of the Transport Information System in November 2005. Tender proposals were received in January 2006 and are now being evaluated. We plan to award the new contract in mid 2006 for completion in end 2007.

The estimated cost for the project is \$63.6 million.

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**ETWB(T)051**

Question Serial No.

0158

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 : Among the matters requiring special attention in 2006-07, the Transport Department will study the feasibility of harnessing advanced technologies to enhance its incident management capability. What are the details? Would past experience in serious transport incidents be taken into account in the course of the study?

Asked by : Hon. LAU Kong-wah

Reply : In response to the recommendations of the Task Force on Emergency Transport Co-ordination, the Transport Department will conduct a feasibility study to examine the use of advanced technologies to enhance our incident management capabilities in late 2006. The main objectives of the study are to investigate and develop solutions for deploying advanced technologies to facilitate incident management. The study will cover the following areas -

- (a) use loop detectors underneath the roadway to collect real-time traffic data;
- (b) develop an automated incident database to facilitate incident management;
- (c) explore the use of traffic simulation models to assess the traffic impacts of incidents;
- (d) develop a computerised expert-system-based incident management system; and
- (e) develop a shared computer-aided dispatch system to enhance inter-departmental dispatch co-ordination.

Subject to the outcome of the study, we will see whether and how to use such advanced technologies to develop computerised integrated incident management system for the collection, sharing and dissemination of traffic information.

We will take into account past experience in serious transport incidents when developing proposed solutions.

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**ETWB(T)052**

Question Serial No.

0159

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

Programme : (3) District Traffic and Transport Services

Controlling Officer : Commissioner for Transport

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

Question : The Administration plans to introduce five new green minibus routes in 2006. What are the details?

Asked by : Hon. LAU Kong-wah

Reply :

The five routes are –

- (a) Kowloon City (Wyler Garden) to Lok Fu MTR Station;
- (b) Kowloon City (Kowloon City Road) to Kowloon Hospital (Circular);
- (c) Kwai Chung (Lai Kong Street) to Sham Shui Po (Po On Road);
- (d) Tai Lam Chung to Tuen Mun Ferry Pier; and
- (e) Fo Tan to Wong Tai Sin MTR Station (Circular).

The first two routes will be introduced in the second quarter of 2006 while the invitation to tender for the remaining three routes will be arranged in the second half of 2006.

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Question Serial No.

0160

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

Programme : (3) District Traffic and Transport Services

Controlling Officer : Commissioner for Transport

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

Question : The Administration is planning to conduct two area studies for accidents in 2006-07. What are the details and the estimated expenditure for the studies? What are the criteria for selecting the two areas for study?

Asked by : Hon. LAU Kong-wah

Reply :

Area studies investigate traffic accident patterns in order to identify clusters of accidents and common environmental causation factors. Subsequent to the studies, we would recommend remedial measures such as area-wide traffic management schemes to remove or minimise the effect of these factors and improve the safety of that area. We use in-house resources to conduct the area studies and no additional funding is required.

The two areas are chosen based on past accident statistics.

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**ETWB(T)054**

Question Serial No.

0161

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

Programme : (3) District Traffic and Transport Services

Controlling Officer : Commissioner for Transport

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

Question : In 2006-07, the Administration will facilitate the smooth operation of cross-boundary traffic and transport services and facilities at the land boundary control points. What are the details?

Asked by : Hon. LAU Kong-wah

Reply :

We will continue to monitor the cross-boundary traffic demand and the related transport services, facilities and infrastructure. For 2006-07, we will –

- (a) monitor and regularly review the service and operation of the Lok Ma Chau-Huanggang Cross-boundary Shuttle Bus as well as other cross-boundary coaches using the various land boundary control points;
- (b) commence the operation of the off-street terminals for cross-boundary coaches at Sai Wan Ho and Kowloon Tong;
- (c) plan and provide public transport interchanges at Hong Kong-Shenzhen Western Corridor (HK-SWC) and the Lok Ma Chau terminus of the Spur Line, and ensure the timely provision of public transport services;
- (d) assist in the review of the quota arrangements for cross-boundary vehicles upon the commissioning of the HK-SWC; and
- (e) continue with the works to improve the San Tin Interchange to facilitate smooth cross-boundary traffic.

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**ETWB(T)055**

Question Serial No.

0162

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

Programme : (4) Management of Transport Services

Controlling Officer : Commissioner for Transport

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

Question : The Transport Incident Management Division of the Transport Department handled 1 875 incidents in 2005, an increase of 15% when compared with the total number of incidents handled in 2004. Please provide a breakdown by different modes of transport.

Asked by : Hon. LAU Kong-wah

Reply : The breakdown is as follows –

<b>Nature of Incidents / Mode of Transport Involved</b>	<b>Number of Incidents</b>
(a) Incidents caused by burst of watermains, flooding, landslips, inclement weather, typhoons, emergency road repairs, fire, protest actions and other reasons. These incidents affected all road-based transport modes	873
(b) Rail incidents (including MTR, KCR, Tram and Peak Tram)	163
(c) Ferry service incidents arising from ferry accidents and berthing problems	2
(d) Franchised buses involved in traffic accidents and bus breakdowns	138
(e) Taxis, public light buses and non-franchised buses involved in traffic accidents and vehicle breakdowns	60
(f) Private cars, goods vehicles and motorcycles involved in traffic accidents and vehicle breakdowns	639
<b>Total :</b>	<b>1 875</b>

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Question Serial No.

0163

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

Programme : (4) Management of Transport Services

Controlling Officer : Commissioner for Transport

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

Question :      What recommendations put forward by the Task Force on Emergency Transport Co-ordination will be implemented in 2006? What is the estimated cost for implementing those recommendations?

Asked by : Hon. LAU Kong-wah

Reply : We have already implemented many of the recommendations put forward by the Task Force on Emergency Transport Co-ordination in 2005. In 2006, the following recommendations will be implemented –

- (a) start work on the design and installation of additional closed-circuit television (CCTV) cameras at strategic locations along major routes in phases to enlarge the coverage of the CCTV system;
- (b) implement a full-scale trial of a mobile CCTV system;
- (c) explore the use of maps and databases with built-in Geographical Information System to enhance the efficiency of producing “incident maps” and to disseminate real-time traffic information;
- (d) explore the use of various types of vehicle tracking technologies to measure the travel time and speed on the road network;
- (e) explore ways to disseminate emergency traffic news using Short Messaging Service (SMS) in a more efficient manner;
- (f) explore the mode of co-operation with mobile phone companies to transmit CCTV images and streamings to the public using the mobile phone network;
- (g) conduct planning work to install variable message signs (VMS) at strategic locations and junctions in phases, and explore the feasibility of using mobile VMS; and
- (h) commence a study on harnessing advanced technologies to enhance the Department’s incident management capability.

The estimated cost for implementing the above measures in 2006 is \$3.4 million.

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ETWB(T)057

Question Serial No.

0266

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

Programme : (3) District Traffic and Transport Services

Controlling Officer : Commissioner for Transport

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

Question : Regarding the number of bus route rationalisation packages, it is noted that there were 139 packages in 2004 and 95 packages in 2005, but there will be 44 packages in 2006. Will the Administration please provide –

- (a) the reason for the drop in the number of bus route rationalisation packages;
- (b) the districts involved in the 44 packages planned for 2006; and
- (c) details of other measures to resolve duplication of bus routes.

Asked by : Hon. LAM Kin-fung, Jeffrey

Reply :

- (a) Major bus route rationalisation exercises were implemented in 2004 and 2005 to match with changes in passenger demand after the opening of West Rail and East Rail Extensions (including Ma On Shan Rail) in late 2003 and 2004. The scope for rationalisation since then is reduced. Rationalisation measures proposed in 2006 mainly aim to cater for changes in service demand and to optimise the use of resources.
- (b) The 44 planned rationalisation packages to be implemented in 2006 will involve bus routes serving the 18 districts.
- (c) Bus route rationalisation includes measures such as conversion to peak hour operation, frequency reduction, route diversion, route truncation, and merging or cancellation of low-demand routes. While the Government will continue to consider bus route rationalisation to reduce duplication of bus routes, we may implement other measures such as enhancement of feeder bus routes to railway stations with the continued development of the railway system and setting up of more bus-bus interchanges to reduce the need for new long haul bus routes.

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**ETWB(T)058**

Question Serial No.

0267

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

Programme : (2) Licensing of Vehicles and Drivers

Controlling Officer : Commissioner for Transport

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

Question : The performance pledges for issuing vehicle and driving licences have achieved 100%. Will the Administration further enhance the pledges, like shortening the processing time so that the public can have better and faster service? If so, what will be the new pledges and the expenses involved?

Asked by : Hon. LAM Kin-fung, Jeffrey

Reply :

As part of our continuing efforts to enhance our service quality and customer convenience, we are conducting a review to streamline the existing procedures with a view to reducing the number of supporting documents required for renewal of driving and vehicle licences. We will review the relevant performance pledges when the streamlined procedures are introduced.

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ETWB(T)059

Question Serial No.

0268

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 :

In connection with the installation of speed display devices (SDDs) on all public light buses (PLBs), please provide –

- (a) the number of PLBs installed with SDDs. Has the Government evaluated the effectiveness of the installed SDDs? Please provide the results if any evaluation has been conducted; and
- (b) details of the preventive measures against intentional tampering or damage of SDDs and the related government expenses.

Asked by : Hon. LAM Kin-fung, Jeffrey

Reply :

- (a) As at end February 2006, a total of 3 637 PLBs (i.e. 83.6% of all 4 350 PLBs) had been installed with SDDs. The Government has evaluated the effectiveness of SDDs by conducting opinion surveys. The results indicated that 71% of PLB passengers and 90% of green minibus operators considered the SDDs useful in monitoring the speed of the PLBs.
- (b) The new-generation SDDs are equipped with anti-tampering devices to minimise intentional tampering. As the SDDs are installed by PLB operators, no government expenditure is required.

As a further step to tighten the control on SDD, we intend to amend the Road Traffic (Construction and Maintenance of Vehicles) Regulations to make SDDs a standard requirement on PLBs and to make any misuse or malfunctioning of SDDs an offence. The amendment would not incur additional resources.

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Question Serial No.

0269

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 : Regarding the installation of electronic black boxes on franchised buses, please provide the following information –

- (a) implementation timetable;
- (b) type of data that can be recorded in electronic black boxes;
- (c) government expenditure involved;
- (d) the number of buses of each bus company to be installed with electronic black boxes;
- (e) the estimated expenses of each company in 2006-07; and
- (f) whether the expenses will exert upward pressure on fares, and increase the burden on passengers.

Asked by : Hon. LAM Kin-fung, Jeffrey

Reply :

An electronic black box is a device which captures and stores data including journey speed, journey time, travel distance, accelerations and decelerations, brake usage, door openings and other operating data.

All franchised bus companies have agreed to include electronic black boxes as a standard equipment on new buses to be purchased.

The number of buses installed with electronic black boxes as at end 2005 is as follows –

Bus operators	No. of buses with electronic black boxes
Kowloon Motor Bus Company (1933) Limited	2 690
Citybus (Franchise 1)	27
Citybus (Franchise 2)	2
New World First Bus Services Limited	27
Long Win Bus Company Limited	138
New Lantao Bus Company (1973) Limited	50
Total	2 934

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All double-deck buses of Long Win Bus Company Limited are installed with electronic black boxes. The remaining nine single-deck buses will not be retrofitted with electronic black boxes as they are due for replacement in 2007. New Lantau Bus Company (1973) Limited (NLB) will complete retrofitting of electronic black boxes on its existing fleet by end 2006, whereas Citybus (Hong Kong Island and cross-harbour network) (CTB Franchise 1) and Kowloon Motor Bus Company (1933) Limited (KMB) will do the same by end 2007. New World First Bus Services Limited (NWFB) and Citybus (Lantau and Airport network) (CTB Franchise 2) will decide on an implementation programme having regard to the performance of electronic black boxes installed on buses of their sister company (CTB Franchise 1).

The installation of electronic black boxes will be funded by the relevant franchised bus companies. The investment on retrofitting of electronic black boxes will amount to about \$0.4 million for NLB, \$11.6 million for CTB Franchise 1 and \$12.6 million for KMB. No government expenditure will be incurred.

The installation of electronic black boxes on buses will only slightly increase the capital expenditure and operating costs of the bus companies. In considering whether bus fares will need to be adjusted, we will consider all relevant factors in making a recommendation to the Chief Executive in Council, including the supportable fare adjustment rate derived from the formula of  $0.5 \times \text{Change in Wage Index} + 0.5 \times \text{Change in Composite Consumer Price Index} - 0.5 \times \text{Productivity Gain}$ , the changes in revenue, costs and returns of operators, quality and quantity of service provided, the need to provide the operators with a reasonable rate of return and public acceptability and affordability.

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ETWB(T)061

Question Serial No.

0604

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 :

It is scheduled that all Public Light Buses (PLBs) will be installed with speed display devices (SDDs) in 2006-07. At present, what is the number of PLBs installed with SDDs and its proportion in the total PLB fleet? What is the expenditure of the related promotion in the 2006-07 estimate?

Asked by : Hon. HO Chung-tai, Raymond

Reply : All PLBs are required to be installed with SDD by mid-2006 as a mandatory requirement under the licensing conditions of PLBs. As at end February 2006, a total of 3 637 PLBs (i.e. 83.6% of all 4 350 PLBs) had been installed with SDDs. We have not made additional provision in the 2006-07 estimate but would make use of existing resources to launch promotional efforts.

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**ETWB(T)062**

Question Serial No.

1086

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

Programme : (3) District Traffic and Transport Services

Controlling Officer : Commissioner for Transport

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

Question : Regarding the matters requiring special attention in 2006-07, please provide details of the plan for implementing pedestrian schemes to improve environment for pedestrians in 2006-07 and the estimated expenditure involved.

Asked by : Hon. YOUNG Howard

Reply :

The plan for implementing pedestrian schemes in 2006-07 is as follows –

Central

We plan to implement streetscape enhancement works at Elgin Street, Peel Street and Staunton Street. We intend to commence the works in mid 2006 for completion in mid 2007.

Wan Chai

We plan to widen the footpath on Johnston Road between Landale Street and Gresson Street and between Fleming Road and Triangle Street; and on O'Brien Road between Gloucester Road and Lockhart Road. We intend to commence the works in mid 2006 for completion in mid 2007.

Causeway Bay

We plan to implement streetscape enhancement works at East Point Road, Great George Street and Lockhart Road. We intend to commence the works in mid 2006 for completion in mid 2007. We also plan to consult the Wan Chai District Council to make the existing trial pedestrian scheme at Pak Sha Road and Lee Garden Road a permanent one.

Tsim Sha Tsui

The Planning Department and the Transport Department are formulating detailed proposals for pedestrian schemes as part of the ongoing area improvement study for Tsim Sha Tsui. We plan to consult the public and implement such schemes in 2006.

Jordan

We have commenced footpath widening and streetscape enhancement works on Nanking Street between Nathan Road and Shanghai Street; Pilkem Street; and Temple Street between Jordan Road and Kansu Street. We plan to complete the works in late 2006. We also plan to widen the footpath and enhance the streetscape at Woosung Street between Jordan Road and Kansu Street; Parkes Street between Jordan Road and Saigon Street; and Ning Po Street between Nathan Road and Shanghai Street. We intend to commence the works in mid 2006 for completion in mid 2007.

Mong Kok

We plan to consult the Yau Tsim Mong District Council to make the existing trial scheme at Sai Yeung Choi Street South, Tung Choi Street, Nelson Street and Soy Street a permanent one.

Sham Shui Po

We have commenced footpath widening and streetscape enhancement works on Fuk Wa Street between Yen Chow Street and Nam Cheong Street; and Pei Ho Street between Yu Chau Street and Un Chau Street. We intend to complete the works in late 2006. We also plan to widen the footpath and enhance the streetscape at Fuk Wing Street between Yen Chow Street and Nam Cheong Street; Kweilin Street between Yu Chau Street and Un Chau Street; and Yu Chau Street between Yen Chow Street and Nam Cheong Street. We plan to commence the works in mid 2006 for completion in late 2007.

The estimated total expenditure in 2006-07 for the above works is about \$11.2 million.

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

Programme : (3) District Traffic and Transport Services

Controlling Officer : Commissioner for Transport

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

Question : Regarding the plan to facilitate the smooth operation of cross-boundary traffic and transport services and facilities at the land boundary control points, including the Spur Line and Hong Kong-Shenzhen Western Corridor in 2006-07, please provide details and the estimated expenditure.

Asked by : Hon. YOUNG Howard

Reply :

We will continue to monitor the cross-boundary traffic demand and the related transport services, facilities and infrastructure. For 2006-07, we will-

- (a) monitor and regularly review the service and operation of the Lok Ma Chau-Huanggang Cross-boundary Shuttle Bus as well as other cross-boundary coaches using the various land boundary control points;
- (b) commence the operation of the off-street terminals for cross-boundary coaches at Sai Wan Ho and Kowloon Tong;
- (c) plan and provide public transport interchanges (PTIs) at Hong Kong-Shenzhen Western Corridor (HK-SWC) and the Lok Ma Chau terminus of the Spur Line, and ensure the timely provision of public transport services;
- (d) assist in the review of the quota arrangements for cross-boundary vehicles upon the commissioning of the HK-SWC; and
- (e) continue with the works to improve the San Tin Interchange to facilitate smooth cross-boundary traffic.

The estimated construction costs of the coach terminus at Sai Wan Ho, the PTI at the Lok Ma Chau terminus and improvements to the San Tin Interchange are \$15.7 million, \$93.1 million and \$486.3 million respectively. The construction costs of the coach terminus at Kowloon Tong and the PTI at HK-SWC have been subsumed under the overall project costs of the relevant developments. The monitoring work is carried out using internal resources.

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ETWB(T)064

Question Serial No.

1088

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

Programme : (3) District Traffic and Transport Services

Controlling Officer : Commissioner for Transport

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

Question : On co-ordinating traffic arrangement and monitoring of public transport services in connection with the new tourist attractions/transport facilities on Lantau including the Ngong Ping Skyrail, AsiaWorld-Expo and SkyPlaza in 2006-07, please provide details of the plan and estimated expenditure involved.

Asked by : Hon. YOUNG Howard

Reply :

We will continue to monitor the traffic and transport demand with a view to implementing appropriate measures to facilitate passengers to travel to/from the tourist attractions/transport facilities on Lantau including the Ngong Ping Skyrail, AsiaWorld-Expo and SkyPlaza. Details of the traffic and transport plans for the three projects are as follows –

(a) AsiaWorld-Expo

The AsiaWorld-Expo (AWE) commenced operation in December 2005. It is currently served by the Mass Transit Railway and franchised buses. Special bus services would be arranged to serve AWE to cater for increasing passenger demand during large trade fairs and entertainment events. .

(b) Ngong Ping Skyrail

To tie in with the commissioning of the Ngong Ping Skyrail in mid 2006, a new public transport interchange (PTI) cum car and coach parks will be provided at Ngong Ping. The PTI has been substantially completed and partially opened for public use since February 2005. The estimated construction cost of the PTI is about \$15 million.

Other minor improvement works, including the provision of a new signalised pedestrian crossing on Shun Tung Road and a new loading/unloading bay on Tat Tung Road, will also be carried out to enhance the accessibility of passengers to the terminal of Ngong Ping Skyrail at Tung Chung.

The New Lantao Bus Company (1973) Ltd. has also reached agreement with the Ngong Ping Skyrail to develop combo tickets to facilitate passengers to visit other major attractions on Lantau Island, such as Tai O and Mui Wo, while using the Skyrail to/from Ngong Ping.

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(c) SkyPlaza

To tie in with the opening of SkyPlaza in late 2006, we are liaising with the Airport Authority, franchised bus operators and the concerned parties for bus route diversion and some traffic management measures to facilitate travelling of passengers to SkyPlaza.

We have earmarked \$350,000 for monitoring of public transport services and publicising the traffic and transport arrangements for Ngong Ping Skyrail, AsiaWorld-Expo and SkyPlaza.

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**ETWB(T)065**

Question Serial No.

1110

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 : In 2006-07, the Administration will implement new bus-bus interchange (BBI) schemes at suitable locations in conjunction with franchised bus operators. What are the locations for implementation of the new BBI schemes?

Asked by : Hon. LAU Kin-yee, Miriam

Reply :

A total of 35 BBI schemes are planned for implementation in 2006 at the following locations –

Hong Kong Island

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

Kowloon

8. Cross Harbour Tunnel Toll Plaza
9. Cheung Sha Wan Road
10. Choi Hung Estate Bus Terminus
11. Choi Hung Road
12. Eastern Harbour Crossing Toll Plaza
13. Kwun Tong Road
14. Lung Cheung Road
15. Ma Tau Chung Road
16. Ma Tau Wai Road
17. Prince Edward Road East
18. Western Harbour Crossing Toll Plaza

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19. Bayview Garden Bus Terminus, Tsuen Wan
20. Castle Peak Road
21. Che Kung Miu Road/Hung Mui Kuk Road
22. Cheung Wing Road
23. Choi Yuen Road
24. Fanling Station Road/Pak Wo Road
25. Kwong Fuk Road
26. Luen Wo Hui
27. San Wan Road outside Sheung Shui KCR Station
28. Sheung Shui Landmark North Bus Terminus
29. Shatin Central Bus Terminus
30. Shatin Town Hall
31. Tai Chung Kiu Road
32. Tai Ho Road
33. Tai Lam Tunnel Toll Plaza
34. Tai Wo Bus Terminus
35. Wah Ming Estate Bus Terminus

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**ETWB(T)066**

Question Serial No.

1158

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

Programme :

Controlling Officer : Commissioner for Transport

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

Question : Under this subhead, there will be a net deletion of 22 permanent posts and one supernumerary post in 2006-07. Please provide the details.

Asked by : Hon. LAU Kin-yee, Miriam

Reply :

In 2006-07, the Transport Department plans to delete 35 posts and create 12 posts, resulting in a net reduction of 22 non-directorate posts and one supernumerary directorate post. Details are as follows –

<u>Creation of posts</u>	
<u>Rank</u>	<u>Number</u>
Transport Officer I	5
Transport Controller I	1
Senior Engineer	2
Senior Technical Officer (Traffic)	2
Senior Clerical Officer	2
<i>Subtotal</i>	<u>12</u>

  

Less: <u>Deletion of posts</u>	
<u>Rank</u>	<u>Number</u>
Chief Transport Officer	1
Chief Executive Officer	1
Senior Executive Officer	1
Executive Officer I	1
Driving Examiner I	1
Driving Examiner II	4
Clerical Officer	2
Assistant Clerical Officer	12
Clerical Assistant	1
Transport Inspector	2

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Technical Officer (Traffic)/	3
Technical Officer Trainee (Traffic)	
Vehicle Tester	1
Traffic Assistant	1
Computer Operator I	2
Artisan	1
Chief Engineer (D1)	1*
<i>Subtotal</i>	<hr/> <i>34 + 1*</i>
Total deletion	22 + 1*

\* denotes supernumerary directorate post

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**ETWB(T)067**

Question Serial No.

1159

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 : Regarding the matters requiring special attention in 2006-07, please advise which public transport interchanges the Administration will carry out improvement works and what the improvement works are.

Asked by : Hon. LAU Kin-yee, Miriam

Reply :

In 2006-07, we will continue to improve the waiting environment of public transport interchanges for passengers through upgrading of physical environment and ventilation plants. We plan to upgrade the physical environment of the following public transport interchanges –

- (a) Lok Fu;
- (b) Admiralty (East);
- (c) Tsuen Wan MTR Station;
- (d) Sai Lau Kok;
- (e) Whampoa Garden;
- (f) Tuen Mun Town Centre; and
- (g) Exchange Square.

We will also continue to upgrade the ventilation system at the South Horizons Public Transport Interchange.

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**ETWB(T)068**

Question Serial No.

1172

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

Programme : (2) Licensing of Vehicles and Drivers

Controlling Officer : Commissioner for Transport

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

Question : Regarding the matters requiring special attention in 2006-07, what are the improvements in efficiency and customer service after the business process re-engineering of licensing services? Is there any indicator to measure the improvement?

Asked by : Hon. LAU Kin-yee, Miriam

Reply :

The process re-engineering of the licensing services aims at streamlining and simplifying the renewal process for vehicle and driving licences. Under the proposal being developed, the number of supporting documents will be reduced, making it more convenient for the public to renew their vehicle and driving licences. We will assess the effectiveness of the improvement measures after they have been introduced and consider if any indicator should be set for the purpose.

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**ETWB(T)069**

Question Serial No.

1178

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

Programme : (2) Licensing of Vehicles and Drivers

Controlling Officer : Commissioner for Transport

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

Question : Regarding the matters requiring special attention in 2006-07, please inform this Committee how many driving instructors have attended the Quality Driving Instructor Course since its introduction.

Asked by : Hon. LAU Kin-yee, Miriam

Reply :

The Quality Driving Instructor Course was introduced in December 2004. Up to 28 February 2006, 437 driving instructors had attended the course.

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**ETWB(T)070**

Question Serial No.

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

1183

Programme : (1) Planning and Development

Controlling Officer : Commissioner for Transport

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

Question : Regarding the matters requiring special attention in 2006-07, please advise this Committee the details of the updating of the previous Electronic Road Pricing transport model and the tests for various charging scenarios.

Asked by : Hon. LAU Kin-yee, Miriam

Reply :

The Congestion Charging Transport Model – Feasibility Study (the Study) will involve collection of transport data for the development of a Congestion Charging Model to replace the outdated model developed in the previous Electronic Road Pricing Feasibility Study, and the application of the newly developed Model to assess the impacts of different congestion charging scenarios in relieving traffic congestion problems.

The Study, with a budget of \$7.7 million, commenced in February 2006 and will be completed in August 2007.

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**ETWB(T)071**

Question Serial No.

1184

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

Programme : (2) Licensing of Vehicles and Drivers

Controlling Officer : Commissioner for Transport

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

Question : In 2005, there were 53 inquiries conducted on unauthorised non-franchised buses operation. Would the Administration please provide brief information and results of each of the inquiries?

Asked by : Hon. LAU Kin-yee, Miriam

Reply :

Of the 53 inquiries conducted in 2005, as at end February 2006, 37 cases related to non-franchised bus operation were completed and all of them were substantiated. Sanctions on 11 cases have been issued to the holders of passenger service licence with nine buses suspended for two to three months. Sanctions on 26 cases are being considered.

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ETWB(T)072

Question Serial No.

1265

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

Programme : (2) Licensing of Vehicles and Drivers

Controlling Officer : Commissioner for Transport

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

Question : Among the matters requiring special attention in 2006-07, the Administration will continue to organise the Quality Driving Instructor Course. Has the Administration evaluated the effectiveness of the course? And would the course content be improved? What is the expenditure involved?

Asked by : Hon. LAU Kong-wah

Reply :

The Quality Driving Instructor Course is a self-financing course jointly introduced by the Vocational Training Council and the Transport Department in December 2004.

Up to 28 February 2006, 437 driving instructors had already attended the course. Evaluation was conducted at the end of each course and over 99% of the participants considered the course helpful in improving their skills in providing driver training. The Transport Department will continue to closely monitor the participants' feedback on the course content, and refine it as appropriate.

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**ETWB(T)073**

Question Serial No.

1266

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

Programme : (2) Licensing of Vehicles and Drivers

Controlling Officer : Commissioner for Transport

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

Question : In 2006-07, the Administration intends to conduct process re-engineering of licensing services. What are the details? What are the changes to the staff establishment and the estimated expenditure?

Asked by : Hon. LAU Kong-wah

Reply :

The process re-engineering of the licensing services aims at streamlining and simplifying the renewal process for driving and vehicle licences. Under the proposal being developed, the number of supporting documents required will be reduced, making it more convenient for the public to renew their driving and vehicle licences. We will assess the implications on the staff establishment and the expenditure when we finalise the proposal.

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**ETWB(T)074**

Question Serial No.

1520

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 2005-06 original estimate for Programme (1) “Planning and Development” is \$203.5 million, which is substantially higher than the revised estimate of \$187.3 million. What are the main reasons? The 2006-07 estimate is maintained at over \$200 million. When preparing this estimate, have factors leading to the higher original estimate for 2005-06 been taken into account?

Asked by : Hon. FUNG Kin-kee, Frederick

Reply :

The decrease of \$16.2 million in the 2005-06 revised estimate for Programme (1) is mainly due to reduced requirements for general non-recurrent expenses, lower tender prices for minor consultancies and reduced expenditure in personal emoluments arising from changes in staff profile and the number of filled vacancies, and rationalisation of staffing resources.

When preparing the 2006-07 estimate, we have taken into account the short-term staffing requirements, as well as the need for and trends of tender prices for consultancy studies.

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ETWB(T)075

Question Serial No.

1521

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 : Regarding the matters requiring special attention in 2006-07, it is mentioned that the Department will consider improvement measures for bus services. Has the Administration considered requiring the franchised bus companies to convert all current “sealed-type” windows of air-conditioned buses to “openable” windows to maintain air circulation and hygiene on board? This will also enable bus companies to switch off the air-conditioning systems on buses during cooler weather to save energy and reduce air pollution. If the Administration has considered this, please provide details of the outcome including the implementation timetable and resource involved. If not, what are the reasons?

Asked by : Hon. FUNG Kin-kee, Frederick

Reply :

The Transport Department (TD) has considered the idea of converting existing “sealed-type” windows of air-conditioned buses to “openable” windows together with the franchised bus companies.

The existing air-conditioned buses with “sealed-type” windows protect passengers from adverse environmental factors outside the bus including exhaust fumes from adjacent traffic, noise, wind and rain. The air-conditioning system also dehumidifies to prevent odour forming in crowded bus compartments.

The ventilation system of these buses are equipped with fresh air exchange units to ensure sufficient fresh air circulation in bus compartments, and air-filter units to reduce pollutants in the fresh air intake. The bus companies clean and maintain the bus ventilation units regularly to ensure that the ventilation systems function properly.

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In view of the above, it is considered that the existing air-conditioned buses can help provide a clean and comfortable environment for bus passengers. Since different passengers may behave differently, if passengers are allowed to open windows in air-conditioned buses, it would undermine the effectiveness of the air-conditioning system, lead to higher fuel consumption, and may result in disputes among passengers who have different preference.

Taking account of the above factors, TD has no plan to require franchised bus companies to convert the current “sealed-type” windows on buses to “openable” windows. TD will continue to pursue with the companies on feasible measures to further enhance comfort and air quality on board buses.

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**ETWB(T)076**

Question Serial No.

1522

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 : It was mentioned in matters requiring special attention in 2006-07 that the Transport Department will “continue to upgrade the ventilation plants and physical environment of public transport interchanges, and conduct monitoring surveys on air quality”.

- (a) Is there any standard and future target for air quality set for public transport interchanges? If yes, please provide details. If not, what is the reason?
- (b) Please provide the details of the air quality surveys conducted in 2004-05 and 2005-06. What is the proportion of the public transport interchanges surveyed that were able to comply with the international or Government air quality standards?
- (c) Please provide details of measures taken to improve the air quality of public transport interchanges. Has the effectiveness of these measures been assessed ?

Asked by : Hon. FUNG Kin-kee, Frederick

Reply :

- (a) The Environmental Protection Department (EPD) has issued a Practice Note on Control of Air Pollution in Semi-Confined Public Transport Interchanges (PTIs). The Practice Note sets out guidelines on air quality for PTIs at semi-confined locations, including specifications on the maximum concentration of carbon monoxide, nitrogen dioxide and sulphur dioxide at passenger waiting areas inside a semi-confined PTI.

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- (b) Air quality surveys were conducted at 14 PTIs in 2004-05 and 18 PTIs in 2005-06. According to the Transport Department's records, the air quality within PTIs in general satisfied the guidelines set by EPD except in a small number of cases where the nitrogen dioxide level occasionally exceeded the concentration level specified in the guidelines .
- (c) Measures carried out by the Government to improve the air quality of PTIs include timely maintenance and upgrading of ventilation systems, and rescheduling of the operation period of the ventilation systems to better match the peak usage period of the PTIs. Improvement of the air quality of PTIs also requires the co-ordinated efforts of relevant parties. On-going efforts have been made by the public transport operators including the issuing of instructions to their drivers requiring them to switch off engines of vehicles while waiting inside PTIs, and deployment of cleaner franchised buses to the semi-covered PTIs. We will continue to monitor the air quality within PTIs closely through regular surveys to assess the effectiveness of measures taken, and carry out improvement measures as and when necessary.

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Programme : (1) Planning and Development

Controlling Officer : Commissioner for Transport

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

Question : Regarding the matters requiring special attention in 2006-07, it is mentioned that the Department will update the previous Electronic Road Pricing transport model and carry out tests for various charging scenarios. Please provide –

- (a) the details of the work and resources involved;
- (b) the content of the charging scenarios;
- (c) the preliminary test results; and
- (d) the anticipated timing and locations for the final implementation of Electronic Road Pricing.

Asked by : Hon. FUNG Kin-kee, Frederick

Reply :

- (a) The Congestion Charging Transport Model – Feasibility Study (the Study) will involve collection of transport data for the development of a Congestion Charging Model to replace the outdated model developed in the previous Electronic Road Pricing Feasibility Study, and the application of the newly developed Model to assess the impacts of different congestion charging scenarios in relieving traffic congestion problems. The Study has a budget of \$7.7 million.
- (b) The various charging scenarios will be developed based on the work to be carried out in the consultancy.
- (c) The Study has just commenced in February 2006 and will be completed in August 2007. The results of the tests will only be available towards the end of the Study.
- (d) Proposals on the timing and locations of congestion charging would be developed based on the work to be carried out in the consultancy. Nevertheless, the Electronic Road Pricing Scheme can only be implemented when the Central-Wanchai Bypass is in place. This is important because there must be alternative routes with adequate capacity for motorists not destined for the charging zone to bypass it.

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**ETWB(T)078**

Question Serial No.

1524

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 : Regarding matters requiring special attention in 2006-07, it is mentioned that the Department will continue to monitor the provision of proper and efficient mass transit railway services by the MTR Corporation Limited and Kowloon-Canton Railway Corporation (KCRC). In view of the underframe equipment mounting crack problem of KCRC trains –

- (a) has any assessment been conducted on the adequacy of railway service monitoring and, if found inadequate, what are the areas that need improvements and the resources required?
- (b) what policy will the Administration formulate to prevent recurrence of similar incidents and what are the resources required to implement these measures?

Asked by : Hon. FUNG Kin-kee, Frederick

Reply :

The Kowloon-Canton Railway Corporation (KCRC) is required to maintain a safe and efficient service at all times in accordance with the KCRC Ordinance (Chapter 372). The Transport Department (TD) has adequately monitored the level of service provided by KCRC with reference to the service agreements and specific service performance targets through regular co-ordination meetings, site inspections and feedback from passengers.

The recent underframe equipment mounting problem is being investigated by KCRC under the monitoring of the Hong Kong Railway Inspectorate which assumes the regulatory role of railway safety. Relevant measures to prevent recurrence of similar incidents in the future, if considered appropriate, will be implemented by KCRC.

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**ETWB(T)079**

Question Serial No.

1526

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 : Regarding the matters requiring special attention in 2006-07, it is mentioned that the Department will continue to monitor the provision of proper and efficient mass transit railway services by the MTR Corporation Limited and Kowloon-Canton Railway Corporation. Please advise on the estimated expenditure and manpower resources for the work.

Asked by : Hon. FUNG Kin-kee, Frederick

Reply :

The monitoring of services provided by the MTR Corporation Limited and Kowloon-Canton Railway Corporation is one of the responsibilities of the Bus and Railway Branch (BRB) of the Transport Department. The estimated recurrent expenditure of the BRB in 2006-07 is \$20.3 million. Railway service monitoring work accounts for about 16% of the overall expenditure of BRB, i.e. about \$3.3 million. A total of 37 staff work in the BRB, out of which eight Transport Officer Grade staff are involved in railway service monitoring, with three of them involved on a full-time basis while the others have to perform other duties as well.

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**ETWB(T)080**

Question Serial No.

1527

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 : With the coming of the rainy season, in order to prevent recurrence of the incidents which happened in the summer of 2005 in which service of the West Rail was seriously affected by lightning strikes, has any assessment been conducted on whether the additional installations acquired by the Kowloon-Canton Railway Corporation (KCRC) are adequate enough to effectively reduce the impact of lightning strikes on the service of the West Rail. If yes, please provide details.

Asked by : Hon. FUNG Kin-kee, Frederick

Reply :

The KCRC is required to maintain a safe and efficient service at all times in accordance with the KCRC Ordinance (Chapter 372). To minimise the impact of lightning strikes on the service performance of the West Rail, KCRC has engaged consultants to undertake a comprehensive review of the earthing arrangements of the signalling system and the lightning protection system of the West Rail. The review has been completed. In line with the consultants' recommendation, KCRC has been implementing improvement works. According to KCRC, it is expected that the works would be completed before the rainy season of 2006. The Government would continue to monitor the service performance of the West Rail.

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ETWB(T)081

Question Serial No.

1528

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

Programme : (2) Licensing of Vehicles and Drivers

Controlling Officer : Commissioner for Transport

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

Question : Regarding the matters requiring special attention in 2006-07, it is mentioned that the Transport Department will continue to monitor the bus maintenance of franchised bus companies. Please advise on –

- (a) the details of the work;
- (b) the expenditure involved and staffing arrangements. In the past 5 years (i.e. from 2001-02 to 2005-06), were there any problems in bus maintenance? If yes, please provide details; and
- (c) does the Administration consider the current level of bus maintenance monitoring adequate?

Asked by : Hon. FUNG Kin Kee, Frederick

Reply :

- (a) Franchised bus companies are required to carry out monthly inspections and annual or bi-annual overhaul of vehicle safety components. The Transport Department monitors the safety and condition of franchised buses through a programme of annual examinations and surprise spot checks. Any defects or abnormalities found would need to be rectified before the bus is permitted to be used for provision of service.
- (b) Six Motor Vehicle Examiners are deployed for the inspection work. The estimated expenditure is about \$2.6 million per year. In the past five years, defects identified during inspections included malfunctioning lights, minor leakage of different pneumatic systems (e.g. system to control the opening of bus doors), and defects related to lamp and warning signals resulting from problems with electrical parts or contacts.
- (c) The current level of bus maintenance monitoring is considered adequate. Defects found during inspection are brought to the attention of the bus companies, and the quality of the maintenance work is discussed at regular meetings held between the Transport Department and the bus companies.

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Reply Serial No.

ETWB(T)082

Question Serial No.

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

1606

Programme : (1) Planning and Development

Controlling Officer : Commissioner for Transport

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

Question : In view of the spate of railway incidents, will the Administration increase the financial provision in 2006-07 to strengthen the monitoring of mass transit railway services provided by the MTR Corporation Limited and the Kowloon-Canton Railway Corporation? If yes, please provide the relevant plan, the required manpower and the resources involved.

Asked by : Hon. CHEUNG Yu-yan, Tommy

Reply :

The MTR Corporation Limited (MTRCL) and the Kowloon-Canton Railway Corporation (KCRC) are required to maintain a safe and efficient service at all times in accordance with their respective ordinances. The Transport Department has no plan to increase the financial provision in 2006-07 for monitoring the services provided by MTRCL and KCRC but will continue to deploy its existing resources for the purpose.

To deal with the problem of cracks in the underframe equipment of East Rail (ER) trains and to ensure the safe operation of ER, eight professionals from the Electrical and Mechanical Services Department have been deployed to assist the Hong Kong Railway Inspectorate (HKRI) over the problem. The Administration will keep under review the establishment of HKRI to ensure that it will have sufficient resources to monitor the operation of the railways.

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ETWB(T)083

Question Serial No.

1885

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

Programme : (4) Management of Transport Services

Controlling Officer : Commissioner for Transport

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

Question : The 2006-07 estimate for Programme (4) is \$13.9 million more or 19.7% higher than the 2005-06 revised estimate. What are the main reasons? Please list out the details, provision, staff required and implementation timetable for the items contributing to the increase.

Asked by : Hon. LI Fung-ying

Reply : The increase is due to –

Description	Implementation timetable	2006-07 estimate (\$ million)
Procurement of specialised vehicles and creation of one post to prepare for the commissioning of Route 8 Control Area	The first phase of Route 8 between Sha Tin and Cheung Sha Wan is expected to be commissioned in mid 2007	14.0
Creation of two posts and operating expenses to enhance the emergency transport co-ordination and incident management capability	The posts will be created in 2006	1.6
Net reduction in other capital expenditure and operating expenses	–	(1.7)
	<b>Total:</b>	<b>13.9</b>

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Reply Serial No.

ETWB(T)084

Question Serial No.

1886

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

Programme : (2) Licensing of Vehicles and Drivers  
(3) District Traffic and Transport Services

Controlling Officer : Commissioner for Transport

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

Question : A total of 26 posts will be deleted in 2006-07. Please provide the post/rank, length of service, appointment terms and method of deletion of these posts, savings in expenditure and the possible impact on other staff. How would the Administration ensure the related work and services provided will not be affected?

Asked by : Hon. LI Fung-ying

Reply :

There will be a net reduction of 20 posts under Programme (2) and six posts under Programme (3) in 2006-07. Details are as follows –

<u>Programme (2)</u>	<u>Number</u>
<u>Creation of posts</u>	
Senior Clerical Officer	2
Transport Officer I	1
<i>Subtotal</i>	3
Less: <u>Deletion of posts</u>	
Chief Executive Officer	1
Senior Executive Officer	1
Executive Officer I	1
Clerical Officer	2
Assistant Clerical Officer	11
Clerical Assistant	1
Vehicle Tester	1
Driving Examiner I	1
Driving Examiner II	4
<i>Subtotal</i>	23
Net reduction	20

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<u>Programme (3)</u>	<u>Number</u>
<u>Deletion of posts</u>	
Chief Engineer (D1)	1*
Transport Inspector	2
Technical Officer (Traffic)/	3
Technical Officer Trainee (Traffic)	
<i>Subtotal</i>	<u>5 + 1*</u>

\* denotes supernumerary directorate post

The posts to be deleted are either existing vacancies or posts no longer required upon completion of projects. The holders of the posts to be deleted are on pensionable and permanent terms. The services provided will be maintained and the impact on the staff is expected to be minimal. The estimated saving in terms of notional annual mid-point salary for the net deletion of 20 posts is about \$5.8 million.

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**ETWB(T)085**

Question Serial No.

Head : 186 – Transport Department

Subhead (No. & title) :

700 General non-recurrent

1887

Programme :

Controlling Officer : Commissioner for Transport

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

Question : The balance of provision for implementing the Driver Improvement Scheme is only \$441,000, which is less than the revised estimate of \$580,000 in 2005-06.

- (a) What is the 2006-07 estimate for this item? If the remaining balance for this item is not adequate in 2006-07, will there be additional allocation?
- (b) How many participants of the scheme were there in each of the past three years? Please provide the percentage of professional drivers.
- (c) Will the operation and effectiveness of this scheme be reviewed? If yes, what are the details and estimated expenditure?

Asked by : Hon. LI Fung-ying

Reply :

- (a) The estimated expenditure for this item is \$441,000 in 2006-07. The Transport Department (TD) will closely monitor the expenditure for this item. Based on the information available and the trend in the past, the balance for this item in 2006-07 is expected to be adequate.
- (b) The numbers of participants of the Driving Improvement Course (DIC) under the Driver Improvement Scheme (DIS) from 2003 to 2005 are as below:

Year	No. of Participants of the DIC under the DIS
2003	1 387
2004	2 154
2005	2 192

TD does not have breakdown showing the percentage of professional drivers among the participants.



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- (c) TD reviews the effectiveness and operation of the scheme from time to time using existing resources.

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1888

Head : 186 – Transport Department

Subhead (No. & title) :  
000 Operational expenses

Programme :

Controlling Officer : Commissioner for Transport

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

Question : The 2006-07 estimate for general departmental expenses is \$114.40 million, which is \$24.27 million higher than the 2005-06 revised estimate of \$90.13 million. What are the reasons and breakdown of the expenditure items?

Asked by : Hon. LI Fung-ying

Reply :

The increase of \$24.27 million in general departmental expenses in 2006-07 is mainly due to –

- (a) additional provision for consultancies and surveys, such as the updating of the previous Electronic Road Pricing transport model and utilisation surveys of public piers (about \$8.5 million);
- (b) operation and maintenance of mobile Closed Circuit Television System (about \$3 million);
- (c) provision for coping with the upsurge in renewal of driving licences and other enhancement measures on licensing matters (about \$4 million);
- (d) additional departmental expenses for implementing the Personalised Vehicle Registration Marks Scheme (about \$2.0 million); and
- (e) operating costs for new computer systems and facilities (about \$6.77 million).

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**ETWB(T)087**

Question Serial No.

1889

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 : Regarding the update of the previous Electronic Road Pricing transport model and the tests for various charging scenarios in 2006-07, please provide the details of the tests, expenditure involved and implementation timetable.

Asked by : Hon. LI Fung-ying

Reply :

The purpose of the tests is to assess the possible impacts of different congestion charging scenarios in relieving traffic congestion problems. The various charging scenarios will be developed based on the work to be carried out in the “Congestion Charging Transport Model – Feasibility Study”. The Study, with a budget of \$7.7 million, commenced in February 2006 and will be completed in August 2007.

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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 : In connection with the installation of speed display devices (SDDs) on all public light buses (PLBs) in 2006-07, has the Government devised any measures to monitor the proper and effective operation of SDDs? If yes, what are the measures and the expenditure involved? If not, why not?

Asked by : Hon. LI Fung-ying

Reply :

The Transport Department (TD) has devised the following measures to monitor the proper and effective operation of SDDs –

- (a) the SDDs installed on PLBs are examined together with the vehicles in their annual vehicle examination;
- (b) TD also conducts ad-hoc inspection from time to time to check the proper functioning of the SDDs installed on PLBs. If a SDD is suspected of malfunctioning, an examination order will be served on the owner requiring him/her to present the PLB to TD's vehicle examination centre for examination of the SDD; and
- (c) as a further step to tighten the control on SDDs, we are going to amend the Road Traffic (Construction and Maintenance of Vehicles) Regulations to make SDDs a standard requirement for PLBs and to make any misuse or malfunctioning of SDDs an offence.

No additional expenditure will be incurred in 2006-07.

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**ETWB(T)089**

Question Serial No.

1891

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

Programme : (2) Licensing of Vehicles and Drivers

Controlling Officer : Commissioner for Transport

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

Question : Regarding the initiative of process re-engineering of licensing services in 2006-07, please provide the manpower arrangement and the expenditure involved. What are the improvements in efficiency and customer service after the process re-engineering of licensing services and the estimated cost savings in expenditure?

Asked by : Hon. LI Fung-ying

Reply :

The process re-engineering of the licensing services aims at streamlining and simplifying the renewal process for driving and vehicle licences. Under the proposal being developed, the number of supporting documents required will be reduced, making it more convenient for the public to renew their driving and vehicle licences. We will assess the manpower implications and the savings in expenditure when we finalise the proposal.

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Question Serial No.

1893

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

Programme : (2) Licensing of Vehicles and Drivers

Controlling Officer : Commissioner for Transport

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

Question : There will be a net deletion of 20 posts in 2006-07. Please provide the reasons for deletion, details of the posts to be deleted and savings in expenditure.

Asked by : Hon. WONG Ting-kwong

Reply :

Under Programme (2), there will be a net reduction of 20 posts in 2006-07. Details are as follows –

	<u>Number</u>
<u>Creation of posts</u>	
Senior Clerical Officer	2
Transport Officer I	1
<i>Subtotal</i>	3
<u>Deletion of posts</u>	
Chief Executive Officer	1
Senior Executive Officer	1
Executive Officer I	1
Clerical Officer	2
Assistant Clerical Officer	11
Clerical Assistant	1
Vehicle Tester	1
Driving Examiner I	1
Driving Examiner II	4
<i>Subtotal</i>	23
Net reduction	20

The posts to be deleted are either existing vacancies or posts no longer required upon completion of projects. The estimated saving in terms of notional annual mid-point salary for the net deletion of 20 posts is about \$4.9 million.

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**ETWB(T)091**

Question Serial No.

1920

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

Programme : (3) District Traffic and Transport Services

Controlling Officer : Commissioner for Transport

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

Question : The number of junctions installed with red light camera systems will increase from 111 in 2005 to 131 in 2006. Please provide information on –

- (a) the increase in the number of cameras; and
- (b) the estimated expenditure in 2006-07.

Asked by : Hon. LEONG Kah-kit, Alan

Reply :

- (a) 68 new digital red light camera units will be procured. 48 of them will be installed in existing camera housings and 20 will be installed at new camera housings.
- (b) The estimated expenditure in 2006-07 is \$34.64 million.

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ETWB(T)092

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1933

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

Programme :

Controlling Officer : Commissioner for Transport

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

Question : In 2006-07, the Transport Department will delete 23 posts. Please advise on the following –

- (a) the title, rank and number of the posts to be deleted;
- (b) the reason(s) for the deletion;
- (c) the arrangements to be put in place to handle the work of the posts deleted;
- (d) the estimated savings; and
- (e) whether all the savings will be kept in the operating expenses of the Department.

Asked by : Hon. WONG Kwok-hing

Reply :

In 2006-07, there will be a net reduction of 22 non-directorate posts and one supernumerary directorate post. Details are as follows –

	<u>Number</u>
<u>Creation of posts</u>	
Transport Officer I	5
Transport Controller I	1
Senior Engineer	2
Senior Technical Officer (Traffic)	2
Senior Clerical Officer	2
<i>Subtotal</i>	<i>12</i>
Less: <u>Deletion of posts</u>	
Chief Transport Officer	1
Chief Executive Officer	1
Senior Executive Officer	1
Executive Officer I	1
Driving Examiner I	1
Driving Examiner II	4
Clerical Officer	2

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Assistant Clerical Officer	12
Clerical Assistant	1
Transport Inspector	2
Technical Officer (Traffic)/Technical Officer Trainee (Traffic)	3
Vehicle Tester	1
Traffic Assistant	1
Computer Operator I	2
Artisan	1
Chief Engineer (D1)	1*
<i>Subtotal</i>	<u>34 + 1*</u>
Net reduction	<u>22 + 1*</u>

\* denotes supernumerary directorate post

The posts to be deleted are either existing vacancies or posts no longer required upon completion of projects. The estimated saving in terms of notional annual mid-point salary for the net deletion of 22 posts is about \$2.9 million, which will be redeployed within the Department for other operational needs

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**ETWB(T)093**

Question Serial No.

1934

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

Programme : (2) Licensing of Vehicles and Drivers

Controlling Officer : Commissioner for Transport

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

Question : In 2006-2007, the Quality Driving Instructor Course will be continued. Please list out –

- (a) the expenditure for organising the Course;
- (b) the manpower involved;
- (c) the number of classes to be organised in 2006-07;
- (d) the number of classes organised in 2005-06; and
- (e) the number of participants in 2005-06.

Asked by : Hon. WONG Kwok-hing

Reply :

- (a) & (b) The Quality Driving Instructor Course is a self-financing course jointly organised by the Vocational Training Council (VTC) and the Transport Department (TD). TD advises VTC on the course content and promotes the course jointly with VTC, while VTC provides the instructor and other manpower requirements for the Course.
- (c) Classes will be organised to match the demand.
- (d) Up to end February 2006, eight classes had been organised.
- (e) Up to end February 2006, 213 persons had participated in the Course.

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**ETWB(T)094**

Question Serial No.

1937

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

Programme : (3) District Traffic and Transport Services

Controlling Officer : Commissioner for Transport

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

Question : The Indicator for 2006 shows that the number of bus route rationalisation packages to be processed will significantly decrease from 95 in 2005 to 44 in 2006. What are the reasons for the decrease?

Asked by : Hon. WONG Kwok-hing

Reply :

A major bus route rationalisation exercise was implemented in 2005 to match with changes in passenger demand after the opening of East Rail Extensions (including Ma On Shan Rail) in late 2004. The scope for rationalisation since then is reduced and the number of bus route rationalisation packages in 2006 is fewer than that in 2005.

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**ETWB(T)095**

Question Serial No.

Head : 186 – Transport Department

Subhead (No. & title) :

1938

Programme : (3) District Traffic and Transport Services

Controlling Officer : Commissioner for Transport

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

Question : Why was there no increase in locations with installation of speed enforcement camera systems in 2004 and 2005? Why is there still no plan for its new installation in 2006?

Asked by : Hon. WONG Kwok-hing

Reply :

We increased the number of speed enforcement camera (SEC) housings from 10 in 2002 to 85 in 2004. We carried out a study in 2005 in order to identify the best way forward for expanding the system in terms of coverage and operational requirements. It recommended expanding the SEC system by phases. In the light of the recommendation, we are actively examining the details for pursuing an expansion project for installing SECs.

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Reply Serial No.

**ETWB(T)096**

Question Serial No.

1941

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 2005-06 revised estimate for Programme (1) “Planning and Development” is 8% less than the original estimate. What are the main reasons?

Asked by : Hon. CHENG Kar-foo, Andrew

Reply :

The decrease of 8% in the 2005-06 revised estimate for Programme (1) is mainly due to reduced requirements for general non-recurrent expenses, lower tender prices for minor consultancies, reduced expenditure in personal emoluments arising from changes in staff profile and the number of filled vacancies, and rationalisation of staffing resources.

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Reply Serial No.

ETWB(T)097

Question Serial No.

1942

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 : It is mentioned in the matters requiring special attention in 2006-07 that the Department would implement new bus-bus interchange (“BBI”) schemes at suitable locations. Please provide details of each new BBI scheme.

Asked by : Hon. CHENG Kar-foo, Andrew

Reply :

A total of 35 bus-bus interchange (“BBI”) schemes involving 178 bus routes serving Hong Kong Island, Kowloon, the New Territories and the Airport with fare discounts ranging from \$1.0 to \$20.7 are planned for 2006. The interchange locations of the 35 BBI schemes are –

Hong Kong Island

1. Aberdeen Tunnel Toll Plaza
2. Causeway Road
3. Gloucester Road
4. King’s Road
5. Shau Kei Wan Road
6. Tai Hong Street
7. Tai On Street

Kowloon

8. Cross Harbour Tunnel Toll Plaza
9. Cheung Sha Wan Road
10. Choi Hung Estate Bus Terminus
11. Choi Hung Road
12. Eastern Harbour Crossing Toll Plaza
13. Kwun Tong Road
14. Lung Cheung Road
15. Ma Tau Chung Road
16. Ma Tau Wai Road
17. Prince Edward Road East
18. Western Harbour Crossing Toll Plaza

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New Territories

19. Bayview Garden Bus Terminus, Tsuen Wan
20. Castle Peak Road
21. Che Kung Miu Road/Hung Mui Kuk Road
22. Cheung Wing Road
23. Choi Yuen Road
24. Fanling Station Road/Pak Wo Road
25. Kwong Fuk Road
26. Luen Wo Hui
27. San Wan Road outside Sheung Shui KCR Station
28. Sheung Shui Landmark North Bus Terminus
28. Shatin Central Bus Terminus
29. Shatin Town Hall
30. Tai Chung Kiu Road
32. Tai Ho Road
33. Tai Lam Tunnel Toll Plaza
34. Tai Wo Bus Terminus
35. Wah Ming Estate Bus Terminus

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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 : Regarding the matters requiring special attention in 2006-07, what are the details of the updating of the previous Electronic Road Pricing transport model? Please list out the details of the charging scenarios.

Asked by : Hon. CHENG Kar-foo, Andrew

Reply :

The Congestion Charging Transport Model – Feasibility Study (the Study) will involve the collection of transport data for the development of a Congestion Charging Model to replace the outdated model developed in the previous Electronic Road Pricing Feasibility Study, and the application of the newly developed Model to assess the impacts of different congestion charging scenarios in relieving traffic congestion problems. The various charging scenarios will be developed based on the work to be carried out in the consultancy.

The Study, with a budget of \$7.7 million, commenced in February 2006 and will be completed in August 2007.

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**ETWB(T)099**

Question Serial No.

1944

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

Programme : (2) Licensing of Vehicles & Drivers

Controlling Officer : Commissioner for Transport

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

Question : For the inquiries conducted in 2004 and 2005 with respect to unauthorised non-franchised bus operation, please provide the outcome of the inquiries and the number of cases involved. If the service provider is dissatisfied with the result of an inquiry, what is the appeal procedure?

Asked by : Hon. CHENG Kar-foo, Andrew

Reply :

In 2004 and 2005, the Transport Department (TD) conducted 51 and 53 inquiries respectively. Out of these cases, 51 cases in 2004 and 37 cases in 2005 relating to non-franchised bus operation were completed and all of them were substantiated.

As at February 2006, sanctions were imposed on 91 buses with penalties including cancellation of the passenger service licence (PSL) of seven buses and temporary suspension of the PSL of 84 buses for one to eight months.

Under section 33 of the Road Traffic Ordinance, if a PSL holder is not satisfied with the decision of the Commissioner for Transport, he may, within 21 days of being notified of the decision, apply in writing to the Commissioner for a review of the decision by a Transport Tribunal.

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**ETWB(T)100**

Head : 186 – Transport Department

Subhead (No. & title) :

Question Serial No.

1945

Programme : (2) Licensing of Vehicles and Drivers

Controlling Officer : Commissioner for Transport

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

Question : Regarding the spot checks on in-service franchised buses, please provide details of the inspection items. If an inspected item falls short of the standard, what action will be taken? In the past three years, had there been any cases where buses were stopped from service as a result of the spot checks and, if yes, what are the figures?

Asked by : Hon. CHENG Kar-foo, Andrew

Reply :

The spot check inspection items include the condition of the bus body, the engine, transmission, suspension, lighting and braking systems, tyres, under-chassis components, and the internal passenger compartment fittings. In addition, smoke emission and braking efficiencies would also be measured.

The bus company is required to rectify all defects or abnormalities found on a bus during the spot check, and the bus concerned has to be re-inspected before it is permitted to be used for provision of service. According to our record in the past three years, defects found during spot checks were rectified within the same day, and the relevant buses were allowed to provide service after re-inspection.

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**ETWB(T)101**

Question Serial No.

1946

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

Programme : (3) District Traffic and Transport Services

Controlling Officer : Commissioner for Transport

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

Question : The Administration plans to introduce five new green minibus routes in 2006. What are the details?

Asked by : Hon. CHENG Kar-foo, Andrew

Reply :

The five routes are –

- (a) Kowloon City (Wyler Garden) to Lok Fu MTR Station;
- (b) Kowloon City (Kowloon City Road) to Kowloon Hospital (Circular);
- (c) Kwai Chung (Lai Kong Street) to Sham Shui Po (Po On Road);
- (d) Tai Lam Chung to Tuen Mun Ferry Pier; and
- (e) Fo Tan to Wong Tai Sin MTR Station (Circular).

The first two routes will be introduced in the second quarter of 2006 while invitation to tender for the remaining three routes will be arranged in the second half of 2006.

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**ETWB(T)102**

Question Serial No.

1947

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

Programme : (3) District Traffic and Transport Services

Controlling Officer : Commissioner for Transport

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

Question : The Indicators show that there will only be 44 bus route rationalisation packages in 2006. This represents a significant decrease from 95 packages in 2005. What are the reasons for the decrease?

Asked by : Hon. CHENG Kar-foo, Andrew

Reply :

A major bus route rationalisation exercise was implemented in 2005 to match with changes in passenger demand after the opening of East Rail Extensions (including Ma On Shan Rail) in late 2004. The scope for rationalisation since then is reduced and the number of bus route rationalisation packages to be implemented in 2006 is fewer than that in 2005.

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**ETWB(T)103**

Question Serial No.

1948

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

Programme : (3) District Traffic and Transport Services

Controlling Officer : Commissioner for Transport

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

Question : One of the indicators shows that 64 items of the franchised service route development programme for buses will be implemented in 2006, as compared to 171 and 84 items implemented in 2004 and 2005 respectively. What is the reason for the substantial reduction?

Asked by : Hon. CHENG Kar-foo, Andrew

Reply :

Items in the route development programmes include plans for bus rationalisation, bus service improvements, cancellation of bus routes, introduction of new bus routes, etc. Major bus route rationalisation exercises were implemented in 2004 and 2005 to match with changes in passenger demand after the opening of West Rail and East Rail Extensions (including Ma On Shan Rail) in late 2003 and 2004. The scope for rationalisation since then is thus reduced and the number of route development programme items planned to be implemented in 2006 is fewer than those in the past two years.

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**ETWB(T)104**

Question Serial No.

1949

Head : 186 – Transport Department

Subhead (No. & title) :  
000 Operational expenses

Programme :

Controlling Officer : Commissioner for Transport

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

Question : The 2006-07 estimate for light and power is \$4.5 million, which is \$1 million higher than the 2005-06 revised estimate. What are the reasons? Does the Transport Department have any plan to save electricity? If yes, please provide details.

Asked by : Hon. CHENG Kar-foo, Andrew

Reply :

The increase of \$1 million in the 2006-07 estimate for light and power is mainly due to –

- (a) payment of electricity charges for the Central to Mid-Levels Escalator System. Before 9 October 2005, the electricity charges for the system were settled by the management contractor and subsumed under the management fees. After expiry of the contract on the above date, the Government, instead of the contractor, has to settle the electricity charges direct, thus increasing the expenditure for light and power. However, the expenditure on management fees is reduced correspondingly; and
- (b) additional electricity charges attributable to new equipment and tariff increase on Hong Kong Island with effect from January 2006.

We follow the Government's guidelines on "Energy saving measures in government premises" and comply with all sound housekeeping measures to save electricity.

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**ETWB(T)105**

Question Serial No.

1955

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

Programme : (2) Licensing of Vehicles and Drivers

Controlling Officer : Commissioner for Transport

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

Question : There will be a net deletion of 20 posts in 2006-07. Please provide –  
(1) the rank and number in detail; and  
(2) the savings in expenditure.

Asked by : Hon. LEONG Kah-kit, Alan

Reply :

There will be a net reduction of 20 posts under Programme (2) in 2006-07. Details are as follows –

	<u>Number</u>
<u>Creation of posts</u>	
Senior Clerical Officer	2
Transport Officer I	1
	3
<i>Subtotal</i>	<i>3</i>
Less: <u>Deletion of posts</u>	
Chief Executive Officer	1
Senior Executive Officer	1
Executive Officer I	1
Clerical Officer	2
Assistant Clerical Officer	11
Clerical Assistant	1
Vehicle Tester	1
Driving Examiner I	1
Driving Examiner II	4
	23
<i>Subtotal</i>	<i>23</i>
Net reduction	20



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The estimated saving in terms of notional annual mid-point salary for the net deletion of 20 posts is about \$4.9 million.

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**ETWB(T)106**

Question Serial No.

1962

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

Programme : (3) District Traffic and Transport Services

Controlling Officer : Commissioner for Transport

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

Question : Please elaborate on the latest position regarding the Government's policy on the operation of public light bus (PLB) non-scheduled services, i.e. red minibus, and whether they will be eventually replaced by PLB scheduled services. What is the expenditure involved?

Asked by : Hon. FUNG Kin-kee, Frederick

Reply :

The red minibuses (RMBs) perform a supplementary role in the public transport system to meet ad hoc demand and travelling demand that do not justify the provision of mass carriers. The Government's established policy is to continue to confine the operation of RMBs in their existing operating areas while encouraging RMB operators to convert their vehicles into green minibuses (GMBs) by introducing new GMB routes whenever demand arises. As introduction of GMB routes depends on the changes in the public transport network as well as passenger demand, the Government does not have a pre-set timetable to convert all RMBs into GMBs.

There is no additional provision for this item. The related Government expenditure on this item is not significant and will be met by deployment of internal resources in 2006-07.

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**ETWB(T)107**

Question Serial No.

1965

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

Programme : (3) District Traffic and Transport Services

Controlling Officer : Commissioner for Transport

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

Question : Please list out the current performance indicators for measuring the effectiveness of road safety promotion work.

Asked by : Hon. FUNG Kin-kee, Frederick

Reply :

We use a number of indicators for measuring the effectiveness of road safety work in Hong Kong, including the number of traffic accidents per million vehicle-kilometres, the fatality rate as well as the number of deaths and serious injuries in traffic accidents. Our fatality rate is among the lowest when compared with other major cities. The number of deaths and the number of serious injuries have dropped by about 40% and 20% respectively in the past ten years. The number of accidents per million vehicle-kilometres has also dropped by about 8% over a ten-year period.

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ETWB(T)108

Question Serial No.

1966

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

Programme : (3) District Traffic and Transport Services

Controlling Officer : Commissioner for Transport

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

Question : Regarding the matters requiring special attention in 2006-07, the Administration will continue to implement pedestrian schemes to improve environment for pedestrians. Please provide details of the related work and the improvement approach.

Asked by : Hon. FUNG Kin-kee, Frederick

Reply :

The plan for implementing pedestrian schemes to improve environment for pedestrians in 2006-07 is as follows -

Central

We plan to implement streetscape enhancement works at Elgin Street, Peel Street and Staunton Street. We intend to commence the works in mid 2006 for completion in mid 2007.

Wan Chai

We plan to widen the footpath on Johnston Road between Landale Street and Gresson Street and between Fleming Road and Triangle Street; and on O'Brien Road between Gloucester Road and Lockhart Road. We intend to commence the works in mid 2006 for completion in mid 2007.

Causeway Bay

We plan to implement streetscape enhancement works at East Point Road, Great George Street and Lockhart Road. We intend to commence the works in mid 2006 for completion in mid 2007. We also plan to consult the Wan Chai District Council to make the existing trial pedestrian scheme at Pak Sha Road and Lee Garden Road a permanent one.

Tsim Sha Tsui

The Planning Department and the Transport Department are formulating detailed proposals for pedestrian schemes as part of the ongoing area improvement study for Tsim Sha Tsui. We plan to consult the public and implement such schemes in 2006.

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Jordan

We have commenced footpath widening and streetscape enhancement works on Nanking Street between Nathan Road and Shanghai Street; Pilkem Street; and Temple Street between Jordan Road and Kansu Street. We plan to complete the works in late 2006. We also plan to widen the footpath and enhance the streetscape at Woosung Street between Jordan Road and Kansu Street; Parkes Street between Jordan Road and Saigon Street; and Ning Po Street between Nathan Road and Shanghai Street. We intend to commence the works in mid 2006 for completion in mid 2007.

Mong Kok

We plan to consult the Yau Tsim Mong District Council to make the existing trial scheme at Sai Yeung Choi Street South, Tung Choi Street, Nelson Street and Soy Street a permanent one.

Sham Shui Po

We have commenced footpath widening and streetscape enhancement works on Fuk Wa Street between Yen Chow Street and Nam Cheong Street; and Pei Ho Street between Yu Chau Street and Un Chau Street. We intend to complete the works in late 2006. We also plan to widen the footpath and enhance the streetscape at Fuk Wing Street between Yen Chow Street and Nam Cheong Street; Kweilin Street between Yu Chau Street and Un Chau Street; and Yu Chau Street between Yen Chow Street and Nam Cheong Street. We plan to commence the works in mid 2006 for completion in late 2007.

The above pedestrian schemes are designed with due consideration given to factors such as requirement for vehicular access, availability of alternative routes, vehicle and pedestrian flows, etc. Depending on the individual circumstances, full-time or part-time pedestrian scheme, traffic calming measures or streetscape enhancement works will be designed to enhance pedestrian safety and mobility and to improve the environment for pedestrians.

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**ETWB(T)109**

Question Serial No.

1967

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

Programme : (2) Licensing of Vehicles and Drivers

Controlling Officer : Commissioner for Transport

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

Question : The matters requiring special attention in 2006-07 mentioned that the Department will introduce legislative amendments on motor vehicle lighting regulations. Please provide relevant details and estimated time frame of enactment of the related regulations.

Asked by : Hon. FUNG Kin-kee, Frederick

Reply :

Part VII of the Road Traffic (Construction and Maintenance of Vehicles) Regulations (Chapter 374 subsidiary legislation A) stipulates the vehicle lighting and reflector requirements. Due to rapid changes and advancements in automotive lighting technologies in recent years, we need to update the existing legal requirements. The Transport Department is taking action to amend the legislation in 2006-07 to align existing requirements with international standards and practices so as to enhance vehicle safety, meet new technological developments and eliminate technical barriers to the motor trade.

In the light of the technical nature of the proposed amendments and the large number of provisions that have to be amended, it may take some time to prepare the relevant amendment regulations. We aim to introduce the legislative amendments as soon as possible.

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

Programme : -

Controlling Officer : Commissioner for Transport

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

Question : In 2006-07, the Transport Department will delete 22 permanent posts.  
Please advise on the details of the posts to be deleted and the savings in  
expenditure.

Asked by : Hon. LEUNG Yiu-chung

Reply :

In 2006-07, the Transport Department will delete 22 non-directorate posts. Details  
are as follows –

	<u>Number</u>
<u>Creation of posts</u>	
Transport Officer I	5
Transport Controller I	1
Senior Engineer	2
Senior Technical Officer (Traffic)	2
Senior Clerical Officer	2
<i>Subtotal</i>	<i>12</i>
Less: <u>Deletion of posts</u>	
Chief Transport Officer	1
Chief Executive Officer	1
Senior Executive Officer	1
Executive Officer I	1
Driving Examiner I	1
Driving Examiner II	4
Clerical Officer	2
Assistant Clerical Officer	12
Clerical Assistant	1
Transport Inspector	2
Technical Officer (Traffic)/Technical Officer Trainee (Traffic)	3
Vehicle Tester	1

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Traffic Assistant	1
Computer Operator I	2
Artisan	1
<i>Subtotal</i>	<hr/> 34
Net reduction	<hr/> 22

The estimated saving in terms of notional annual mid-point salary for the net deletion of 22 posts is about \$2.9 million.

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ETWB(T)111

Question Serial No.

2254

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 : Please provide a list of general non-recurrent items under Programme (1) “Planning and Development” with the respective work plans and estimated expenditure in 2006-07.

Asked by : Hon. TAM Yiu-chung

Reply :

In 2006-07, there will be three general non-recurrent items under Programme (1). The work plan and estimated expenditure for each of the items are as follows –

<b>Description</b>	<b>Work plan for 2006-07</b>	<b>Estimate 2006-07 (\$ million)</b>
(a) Consultancy for Base District Traffic Models (BDTMs)	BDTMs are used to project at the district level future traffic flow on roads and to evaluate changes of traffic conditions arising from new developments, traffic management schemes and the like. The models were last updated in late 2004. Two consultancies for further updating have commenced in January 2006 and would be completed by the end of 2006.	1.280
(b) Survey and demand analysis on Intelligent Transport Systems (ITS) in Hong Kong	The focus of the survey and demand analysis will be on user requirements and expectations on ITS. The survey will continue in 2006-07.	1.000
(c) Consultancy for restructuring and enhancement of the Third Comprehensive Transport Study (CTS-3) Model	The study is to enhance the model for improving its capabilities and reliability as a transport planning tool. The study has commenced in June 2005 for completion by mid 2007. The key tasks in 2006-07 are the enhancement and calibration of the transport model.	1.200
<b>Total:</b>		<b>3.480</b>

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ETWB(T)112

Question Serial No.

2255

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 : Please provide the locations of the new bus-bus interchange schemes to be implemented in 2006-07 and the details of the bus routes involved.

Asked by : Hon. TAM Yiu-chung

Reply :

A total of 35 bus-bus interchange (“BBI”) schemes involving 178 bus routes serving Hong Kong Island, Kowloon, the New Territories and the Airport with fare discounts ranging from \$1.0 to \$20.7 are planned for 2006. The interchange locations of the 35 BBI schemes are –

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13. Kwun Tong Road
14. Lung Cheung Road
15. Ma Tau Chung Road
16. Ma Tau Wai Road
17. Prince Edward Road East
18. Western Harbour Crossing Toll Plaza

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19. Bayview Garden Bus Terminus, Tsuen Wan
20. Castle Peak Road
21. Che Kung Miu Road/Hung Mui Kuk Road
22. Cheung Wing Road
23. Choi Yuen Road
24. Fanling Station Road/Pak Wo Road
25. Kwong Fuk Road
26. Luen Wo Hui
27. San Wan Road outside Sheung Shui KCR Station
28. Sheung Shui Landmark North Bus Terminus
28. Shatin Central Bus Terminus
29. Shatin Town Hall
30. Tai Chung Kiu Road
32. Tai Ho Road
33. Tai Lam Tunnel Toll Plaza
34. Tai Wo Bus Terminus
35. Wah Ming Estate Bus Terminus

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ETWB(T)113

Question Serial No.

2256

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 : Please provide details of the public transport interchanges for which upgrading of the ventilation plants and physical environment in 2006-07 have been planned. What is the expenditure involved?

Asked by : Hon. TAM Yiu-chung

Reply :

In 2006-07, we plan to upgrade the physical environment of the following public transport interchanges –

- (a) Lok Fu;
- (b) Admiralty (East);
- (c) Tsuen Wan MTR Station;
- (d) Sai Lau Kok;
- (e) Whampoa Garden;
- (f) Tuen Mun Town Centre; and
- (g) Exchange Square.

We will continue to upgrade the ventilation system at the South Horizons Public Transport Interchange.

The total expenditure for the upgrading works is about \$14.7 million.

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**ETWB(T)114**

Question Serial No.

2257

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 : What is the detailed plan for the development and implementation of the Transport Information System? What is the estimated expenditure?

Asked by : Hon. TAM Yiu-chung

Reply :

We invited tenders to implement the Transport Information System in November 2005. Tender proposals were received in January 2006 and are now being evaluated by the Transport Department. We plan to award the new contract in mid 2006 for completion in end 2007.

The estimated cost for the project is \$63.6 million.

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**ETWB(T)115**

Question Serial No.

2258

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 : Please advise on the manpower establishment in the monitoring of the mass transit railway services in 2006-07. How many of them belong to the professional grades?

Asked by : Hon. TAM Yiu-chung

Reply:

The monitoring of services provided by the MTR Corporation Limited and Kowloon-Canton Railway Corporation is one of the responsibilities of the Bus and Railway Branch (BRB) of the Transport Department (TD). Eight of the staff in BRB are involved in the monitoring work. All of them are officers with professional transport planning and management qualifications. Among them, three are involved on a full-time basis while the others have to perform other duties as well. In addition to TD, the Hong Kong Railway Inspectorate, which has a total establishment of seven professional officers from various engineering disciplines, is responsible for monitoring railway safety.

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**ETWB(T)116**

Question Serial No.

2259

Head : 186 – Transport Department      Subhead (No. & title) :  
700 General non-recurrent

Programme :

Controlling Officer : Commissioner for Transport

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

Question : What is the scope of Item 570 “Restructuring and enhancement of the Third Comprehensive Transport Study Model”? What are the key tasks in 2006-07? What is the estimated expenditure?

Asked by : Hon. TAM Yiu-chung

Reply :

The Consultancy Study covers the enhancement of the transport model developed in the Third Comprehensive Transport Study (CTS-3 Model) using the latest modelling methodology, travel characteristic data and computer software. The objectives of the Study are to update and enhance the simulation and forecasting capabilities of the CTS-3 Model to enable the optimum planning of new transport infrastructure.

The key tasks in 2006-07 are the enhancement and calibration of the CTS-3 Model. The total budget for the whole study is \$5 million while the estimated expenditure for 2006-07 is \$1.2 million.

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Question Serial No.

2260

Head : 186 – Transport Department      Subhead (No. & title) :  
700 General non-recurrent

Programme :

Controlling Officer : Commissioner for Transport

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

Question : Regarding item 557, what is the work plan under the consultancy study on pedestrianisation schemes in 2006-07? Please list the areas to be pedestrianised and provide the estimated expenditure.

Asked by : Hon. TAM Yiu-chung

Reply :

The Planning Department and the Transport Department are undertaking an “Area Improvement for Tsim Sha Tsui Feasibility Study”. The consultancy study commenced in January 2004 and is expected to be completed in mid 2006.

Under the above study, Humphreys Avenue and Ashley Road north of Ichang Street are recommended for full-time pedestrianisation, while Minden Avenue, Hau Fook Street, Bowring Street, Cameron Road between Carnarvon Road and Chatham Road South, Haiphong Road and Canton Road service road are recommended for part-time pedestrianisation.

The estimated expenditure on the consultancy study in 2006-07 is about \$0.2 million.

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ETWB(T)118

Question Serial No.

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

2261

Programme : (3) District Traffic and Transport Services

Controlling Officer : Commissioner for Transport

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

Question : There were three new green minibus service routes introduced in 2005 as against the original plan of eight routes. What is the reason for such a discrepancy? What are the districts to be served by the five new green minibus service routes to be introduced in 2006-07?

Asked by : Hon. TAM Yiu-chung

Reply : The eight new green minibus (GMB) routes originally planned for introduction in 2005 are –

- (i) Parc Palais - Jordan Mass Transit Railway (MTR) Station (Circular);
- (ii) Sham Shui Po (Hoi Lai Estate) - Mei Foo West Rail Station (Circular);
- (iii) Tiu Keng Leng MTR Station Public Transport Interchange - Hang Hau (North);
- (iv) Kowloon City (Wyler Garden) - Lok Fu MTR Station;
- (v) Kowloon City (Kowloon City Road) - Kowloon Hospital (Circular);
- (vi) Tai Wai Kowloon-Canton Railway Station (Tsuen Nam Road) – Tung Lo Wan Hill (Circular);
- (vii) Yoho Town, Yuen Long - Sun Yuen Long Centre (Circular); and
- (viii) Yoho Town, Yuen Long - Sun Yuen Long Centre (Circular - morning peak service).

The first three routes were introduced between February and April 2005. The fourth and the fifth routes will be introduced in the second quarter of 2006 upon conclusion of the appeal by an unsuccessful tenderer of the operator selection exercise. The remaining three routes have been withdrawn because no application for operation of these routes was received in the operator selection exercise conducted in April 2005.

The five new GMB routes planned to be introduced in 2006 are –

- (i) Kowloon City (Wyler Garden) - Lok Fu MTR Station;
- (ii) Kowloon City (Kowloon City Road) - Kowloon Hospital (Circular);
- (iii) Kwai Chung (Lai Kong Street) - Sham Shui Po (Po On Road);
- (iv) Tai Lam Chung - Tuen Mun Ferry Pier; and
- (v) Fo Tan - Wong Tai Sin MTR Station (Circular).

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**ETWB(T)119**

Question Serial No.

2262

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

Programme : (3) District Traffic and Transport Services

Controlling Officer : Commissioner for Transport

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

Question : Regarding the prevention of red light jumping to enhance road safety, it is noted that there were no new installations of red light cameras and speed enforcement cameras in 2005. What are the reasons?

Asked by : Hon. TAM Yiu-chung

Reply :

The last batch of red light cameras (RLCs) was commissioned in 2004. We had to monitor their effectiveness before embarking upon a further expansion. After reviewing their effectiveness, we obtained funding approval for the RLC expansion project in July 2005 and awarded a contract for the works in October 2005. A total of 68 new cameras will be commissioned in phases in 2006.

For speed enforcement cameras (SECs), we increased the number of housings from 10 in 2002 to 85 in 2004. We carried out a study in 2005 in order to identify the best way forward for expanding the system in terms of coverage and operational requirements. It recommended expanding the SEC system by phases. In the light of the recommendation, we are actively examining the details for pursuing an expansion project for installing SECs.

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ETWB(T)120

Head : 186 – Transport Department

Subhead (No. & title) :

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Programme : (3) District Traffic and Transport Services

2263

Controlling Officer : Commissioner for Transport

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

Question : On co-ordinating traffic arrangement in connection with the new tourist attractions/transport facilities on Lantau in 2006-07, please provide details of the plan and programme.

Asked by : Hon. TAM Yiu-chung

Reply :

We will continue to monitor the traffic and transport demand with a view to implementing appropriate measures to facilitate passengers to travel to/from the tourist attractions/transport facilities on Lantau including the Ngong Ping Skyrail, AsiaWorld-Expo and SkyPlaza. Details of the traffic and transport plans for the three projects are as follows –

(a) AsiaWorld-Expo

The AsiaWorld-Expo (AWE) commenced operation in December 2005. It is currently served by the Mass Transit Railway and franchised buses. Special bus services would be arranged to serve AWE to cater for increasing passenger demand during large trade fairs and entertainment events.

(b) Ngong Ping Skyrail

To tie in with the commissioning of the Ngong Ping Skyrail in around mid 2006, a new public transport interchange (PTI) cum car and coach parks will be provided at Ngong Ping. The PTI has been substantially completed and partially opened for public use since February 2005. It will be fully opened in around mid 2006 when Skyrail comes into operation.

Other minor improvement works, including the provision of a new signalised pedestrian crossing on Shun Tung Road and a new loading/unloading bay on Tat Tung Road, will also be carried out to enhance the accessibility of passengers to the terminal of Ngong Ping Skyrail at Tung Chung. These works are scheduled for completion by end May 2006.

The New Lantao Bus Company (1973) Ltd. has also reached agreement with the Ngong Ping Skyrail to develop combo tickets to facilitate passengers to visit other major attractions on Lantau Island, such as Tai O and Mui Wo, while using the Skyrail to/from Ngong Ping.

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(c) SkyPlaza

To tie in with the opening of SkyPlaza in late 2006, we are liaising with the Airport Authority, franchised bus operators and the concerned parties for bus route diversion and some traffic management measures to facilitate travelling of passengers to SkyPlaza.

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**ETWB(T)121**

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

Question Serial No.

Programme : (3) District Traffic and Transport Services

2264

Controlling Officer : Commissioner for Transport

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

Question : Regarding the matters requiring special attention in 2006-07, the Administration will continue to enhance road safety through legislation, publicity and application of technology. Please give details on the measures to be taken to enhance road safety. How many items will be involved? What targets are expected to be achieved? And how is the effectiveness of these measures to be assessed?

Asked by : Hon. WONG Kwok-hing

Reply :

In 2006-07, the key measures to enhance road safety proposed by the Administration are as follows –

- (a) Legislation:
- to introduce the probationary driving licence scheme to novice drivers of private cars and light goods vehicles; and
  - to make speed display device a standard requirement on public light buses and the misuse and malfunctioning of the device an offence.
- (b) Publicity and education:
- to conduct a publicity campaign on “Smart Driving”;
  - to distribute road safety bulletins to transport trades and drivers;
  - to issue regular Announcements of Public Interest to disseminate road safety messages to deter inappropriate driving behaviour;
  - to conduct a “Public Light Bus Safety Campaign”; and
  - to continue publicity to remind public light bus passengers to wear seat belts when provided.
- (c) Application of technology:
- to install more red light cameras; and
  - to install more overhead traffic lights.

We will analyse the related traffic accident figures before and after the implementation of the measures to assess their effectiveness.

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Question Serial No.

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

2290

Programme : (1) Planning and Development

Controlling Officer : Commissioner for Transport

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

Question : What are the details of the public transport forward planning programmes processed by the Administration in 2004-05 and 2005-06?

Asked by : Hon. LAU Chin-shek

Reply :

In 2004-05 and 2005-06, the Administration processed forward planning programmes (FPPs) submitted on an annual basis by the following companies providing franchised bus or ferry services –

- (a) Citybus Limited for its Hong Kong Island and Cross-Harbour bus network;
- (b) Citybus Limited for its Airport and Lantau Island bus network;
- (c) The Kowloon Motor Bus Company (1933) Limited;
- (d) Long Win Bus Company Limited;
- (e) New Lantao Bus Company (1973) Limited;
- (f) New World First Bus Services Limited; and
- (g) The “Star” Ferry Company Limited.

The FPPs contain proposals on route development or other service changes, bus or vessel fleet requirements, programme for maintenance and servicing of vehicles, provision of depots or pier facilities, and a forecast of the financial implications of the overall programme.

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**ETWB(T)123**

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2291

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 : Regarding the development planning of bus services, what are the details of work in 2006-07 to further enhance the provision of section fares to reduce travel expense of passengers?

Asked by : Hon. LAU Chin-shek

Reply :

Franchised bus fares are set in accordance with scales of fares of respective bus companies which are basically distance-based. Currently, section fares are already provided on over 70% of the franchised bus routes. The Administration will continue to pursue with the franchised bus companies to explore the feasibility of introducing more section fares, taking account of their operational and financial circumstances, with a view to reducing travel expenses of the passengers.

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**ETWB(T)124**

Question Serial No.

2292

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 : As ferry operators generally experienced operation difficulties, what are Government's plans to facilitate the ferry companies to increase non-farebox revenue to relieve fare increase pressure?

Asked by : Hon. LAU Chin-shek

Reply :

The Government grants commercial concessions to ferry operators who operate ferry services from piers allocated exclusively for their use, so that they may make use of the pier premises to generate non-farebox revenue. Examples of commercial concessions include placement of advertisement signboards, installation of transmitters for mobile phone companies, leasing of areas within the piers for shops or offices, leasing of berths for use by charter-hired vessels, etc. In addition, the operators are allowed to advertise on vessels and lease their vessels for charter-hired services during off-peak periods to increase non-farebox revenue.

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Question Serial No.

2293

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

Programme : (3) District Traffic and Transport Services

Controlling Officer : Commissioner for Transport

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

- Question : (a) Please provide details of the plan for implementing pedestrian schemes to improve the environment in 2006-07.
- (b) As regards improving the environment for pedestrians, apart from new pedestrian schemes, are there any plans in 2006-07 to provide covers over specific footpaths? If so, please provide details.

Asked by : Hon. LAU Chin-shek

Reply :

(a) The plan for implementing pedestrian schemes to improve the environment in 2006-07 is as follows -

Central

We plan to implement streetscape enhancement works at Elgin Street, Peel Street and Staunton Street. We intend to commence the works in mid 2006 for completion in mid 2007.

Wan Chai

We plan to widen the footpath on Johnston Road between Landale Street and Gresson Street and between Fleming Road and Triangle Street; and on O'Brien Road between Gloucester Road and Lockhart Road. We intend to commence the works in mid 2006 for completion in mid 2007.

Causeway Bay

We plan to implement streetscape enhancement works at East Point Road, Great George Street and Lockhart Road. We schedule to commence the works in mid 2006 for completion in mid 2007. We also plan to consult the Wan Chai District Council to make the existing trial pedestrian scheme at Pak Sha Road and Lee Garden Road a permanent one.

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Tsim Sha Tsui

The Planning Department and the Transport Department are formulating detailed proposals for pedestrian schemes as part of the ongoing area improvement study for Tsim Sha Tsui. We plan to consult the public and implement such schemes in 2006.

Jordan

We have commenced footpath widening and streetscape enhancement works on Nanking Street between Nathan Road and Shanghai Street; Pilkem Street; and Temple Street between Jordan Road and Kansu Street. We plan to complete the works in late 2006. We also plan to widen the footpath and enhance the streetscape at Woosung Street between Jordan Road and Kansu Street; Parkes Street between Jordan Road and Saigon Street; and Ning Po Street between Nathan Road and Shanghai Street. We intend to commence the works in mid 2006 for completion in mid 2007.

Mong Kok

We plan to consult the Yau Tsim Mong District Council to make the existing trial scheme at Sai Yeung Choi Street South, Tung Choi Street, Nelson Street and Soy Street a permanent one.

Sham Shui Po

We have commenced footpath widening and streetscape enhancement works on Fuk Wa Street between Yen Chow Street and Nam Cheong Street; and Pei Ho Street between Yu Chau Street and Un Chau Street. We intend to complete the works in late 2006. We also plan to widen the footpath and enhance the streetscape at Fuk Wing Street between Yen Chow Street and Nam Cheong Street; Kweilin Street between Yu Chau Street and Un Chau Street; and Yu Chau Street between Yen Chow Street and Nam Cheong Street. We plan to commence the works in mid 2006 for completion in late 2007.

(b) We have no plans to provide covers over specific footpaths in 2006-07.

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ETWB(T)126

Question Serial No.

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

2301

Programme : (1) Planning and Development

Controlling Officer : Commissioner for Transport

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

Question : In 2006-07, what measures will be taken by the Administration to promote the development of Intelligent Transport Systems in Hong Kong? What is the expenditure involved?

Asked by : Hon. SIN Chung-kai

Reply :

In 2006-07, the Administration will continue to expand the existing Area Traffic Control, Journey Time Indication, Red Light Camera and Traffic Control & Surveillance Systems, and implement the new Transport Information System (TIS). We will also conduct a feasibility study on incident management in 2006-07 to examine the operational, technical, legal and financial issues, as well as the availability and applicability of the technologies recommended by the Task Force on Emergency Transport Co-ordination, and their interface with the existing systems. Subject to the outcome of the study, we will see whether and how to apply such technologies to develop an integrated incident management system for the collection, sharing and dissemination of traffic information.

The Administration will also keep close contact with transport operators and the industry to explore opportunities for public/private collaboration in the development and provision of value-added services such as fleet management, car navigation and public transport enquiry, particularly upon completion of the Intelligent Road Network under the TIS.

The estimated total expenditure in 2006-07 associated with the related projects is about \$165 million.

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Question Serial No.

2302

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 : Regarding the study on the feasibility of harnessing advanced technologies to enhance the Department's incident management capability –

- (a) What are the details of the study? When will it be completed?
- (b) Would the transport, information technology and telecommunications trades be consulted about the study? If affirmative, please provide details and the expenditure concerned.

Asked by : Hon. SIN Chung-kai

Reply :

(a) In response to the recommendations of the Task Force on Emergency Transport Co-ordination, the Transport Department will conduct a feasibility study to examine the use of advanced technologies to enhance our incident management capabilities in late 2006. The main objectives of the study are to investigate and develop solutions for deploying advanced technologies to facilitate incident management. The study will cover the following areas –

- (i) use loop detectors underneath the roadway to collect real-time traffic data;
- (ii) develop an automated incident database to facilitate incident management;
- (iii) explore the use of traffic simulation models to assess the traffic impacts of incidents;
- (iv) develop a computerised expert-system-based incident management system; and
- (v) develop a shared computer-aided dispatch system to enhance inter-departmental dispatch co-ordination.

Subject to the outcome of the study, we will examine whether and how to use such technologies to develop an integrated incident management computerised system for the collection, sharing and dissemination of traffic information. The study is scheduled to be completed in late 2007.

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(b) The transport, information technology and telecommunications trades are identified as key stakeholders in incident management and would be consulted in the course of the study on issues such as user requirements, latest advanced technologies and opportunities for private/public sector collaboration. The details and estimated cost of the consultation will be worked out during the feasibility study.

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Question Serial No.

2395

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

Programme : (4) Management of Transport Services

Controlling Officer : Commissioner for Transport

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

Question : The existing management contracts for government tunnels (including the Airport Tunnel, Lion Rock Tunnel, Shing Mun Tunnels, Tseung Kwan O Tunnel and Cross Harbour Tunnel) and on-street parking meters will expire in 2006. Please advise on the following in connection with the new contracts for these government facilities -

- (a) What are the values of the new contracts?
- (b) Will the relationship between the existing contractors and their employees be a factor of consideration in renewing the contracts with the existing contractors?
- (c) Will there be a clause in the new agreement protecting the salaries and benefits of the employees of the contractors?

Asked by : Hon. LI Fung-ying

Reply :

- (a) The values of the management contracts are results of open tender. At the moment, the Transport Department (TD) has completed the tender assessment of the management contracts for Airport Tunnel, Lion Rock Tunnel, Shing Mun Tunnels and Tseung Kwan O Tunnel and the total contract value is about \$125 million per annum. We are conducting the tendering process for the management contract for Cross Harbour Tunnel while that for on-street parking meters will start in the second quarter of 2006. The contract values of these two contracts are not yet available.
- (b) The new management contracts will be awarded through an open tendering process. In the tender assessment, the conviction records of the tenderers in relation to the Employment Ordinance and Employees' Compensation Ordinance will be taken into account.



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- (c) To safeguard the interests of the employees, the successful tenderer will be required to accord priority in offer of employment to the existing operator's frontline staff who are engaged in toll collection, traffic control and maintenance on employment terms and conditions commensurate with those prevailing in the relevant industry in Hong Kong.

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Head : Capital Works Reserve Fund    Subhead (No. & title) :  
Head 706 - Highways                      6787TH

Question Serial No.

1187

Programme :

Controlling Officer : Director of Highways

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

Question : Please advise on the progress and anticipated completion date of the item 6787TH "Hong Kong-Zhuhai-Macao Bridge Hong Kong Section and North Lantau Highway Connection - investigation and preliminary design".

Asked by : Hon. LAU Chin-shek

Reply : The Highways Department is actively taking forward Public Works Programme Item 6787TH for the investigation and preliminary design study for the section of the Hong Kong-Zhuhai-Macao Bridge (HZMB) within Hong Kong and for the North Lantau Highway Connection (NLHC). The Department is now evaluating the possible alignment options for the NLHC, and has started consulting the relevant stakeholders on them. The Department plans to complete the current round of public consultation on the NLHC, including consultation with the Legislative Council Panel on Transport, by around mid 2006. The Department has also commenced various impact assessments including traffic and environmental assessments. The work will tie in with the overall programme of the HZMB.

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Post Title                      Director of Highways

Date                              11 March 2006

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

Head : Capital Works Reserve Fund    Subhead (No. & title) :  
706 - Highways

Question Serial No.

1443

Programme :

Controlling Officer : Director of Highways

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

Question : The expenditure of the Highways Department on road infrastructure is about \$6.7 billion in 2005. Please provide the breakdown by expenditure and anticipated completion dates of the major roads.

Asked by : Hon. WONG Kwok-hing

Reply : The anticipated / actual completion dates and actual expenditure of the major road infrastructure projects in 2005 are as follows -

<b>Project</b>	<b>Actual Expenditure in 2005 (\$ million)</b>	<b>Anticipated/Actual completion date</b>
Route 8 between Tsing Yi and Cheung Sha Wan, and Route 8 between Cheung Sha Wan and Sha Tin	3,299	December 2008
Deep Bay Link	1,122	January 2006
Hong Kong section of the Hong Kong-Shenzhen Western Corridor	975	December 2005
Improvement to Castle Peak Road between Tsuen Wan Area 2 and Siu Lam	686	May 2007
Widening of Yuen Long Highway between Lam Tei and Shap Pat Heung Interchange	356	March 2006
Improvement to Tung Chung Road between Lung Tseng Tau and Cheung Sha	84	End 2007
Retrofitting of noise barriers on Fanling Highway near Choi Yuen Estate and Fanling Centre	82	February 2006
Improvements to San Tin Interchange	73	March 2007
Reconstruction of Causeway Bay Flyover and associated widening of Victoria Park Road	33	July 2007
<b>Total</b>	<b>6,710</b>	

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ETWB(T)131

Head : Capital Works Reserve Fund    Subhead (No. & title) :  
Head 706 - Highways

Question Serial No.

1444

Programme :

Controlling Officer : Director of Highways

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

Question : Please specify the amount of provision that will be appropriated to road infrastructure in 2006-07. Please list out the road names and sections that the Administration will allocate funding for their construction and their anticipated completion date.

Asked by : Hon. WONG Kwok-hing

Reply : The provision for road infrastructure projects in 2006-07 is \$5.2 billion. Details of the provision for each project are set out in pages 53 to 58 of Volume II of the Estimates.

The Highways Department plans to seek funding approval from the Finance Committee for "Improvement to Pedestrian Subway System at Kwai Fuk Road Roundabout", "Enhancement of Footbridges in Tsim Sha Tsui East" and "Reconstruction and Improvement of Tuen Mun Road" in 2006-07. The anticipated completion dates of the projects are 2008, 2009 and 2012 respectively. Apart from the above road works, we will also seek funding approval for "Provision of Facilities for Traffic Incident Management and Traffic Information Dissemination in the Urban Areas and their Vicinities". The anticipated completion date is 2012.

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Head : Capital Works Reserve Fund Subhead (No. & title):  
Head 706 - Highways 6069TI

Question Serial No.

2307

Programme :

Controlling Officer : Director of Highways

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

Question : Regarding the project 6069TI "Public transport interchange at Ping Shek adjacent to Choi Hung Mass Transit Railway station", please advise on -  
(a) the details of the project;  
(b) the anticipated progress and estimated expenditure in 2006-07;  
(c) the impact on the local traffic; and  
(d) the anticipated completion date.

Asked by : Hon. CHAN Yuen-han

Reply :

- (a) The project comprises -
- i. the construction of a two-storey Public Transport Interchange (PTI);
  - ii. the construction of two access ramps linking the first floor of the PTI with Clear Water Bay Road;
  - iii. the installation of lighting, electrical and mechanical systems for the PTI; and
  - iv. the ancillary environmental mitigation measures, drainage and landscaping works.
- (b) The project has been substantially completed. The ground level of the PTI will be opened before end March 2006. The roadworks associated with the first floor of the PTI is still in progress. The estimated expenditure in 2006-07 is \$61.8 million.
- (c) During construction of the two access ramps, uphill and downhill traffic along Clear Water Bay Road will be slightly affected but appropriate traffic arrangement, including erection of temporary signage, coning and provision of barriers, will be implemented to minimise any adverse effects.
- (d) The remaining works is anticipated to be completed by December 2006.

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**ETWB(T)133**

Question Serial No.

0379

Head : 707 New Towns and Urban Area  
Development

Subhead : 7052TH, 7771TH,  
7780TH

Programme :

Controlling Officer : Director of Civil Engineering and Development

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

Question :

What is the progress of the following projects? How will the provision for 2006-07 be used? When will the project be completed and what is its expected completion date when it is approved?

- (1) 7052TH – Route 9 – section between Shek Wai Kok and Chai Wan Kok;
- (2) 7771TH – Tsuen Wan Road upgrading – site investigation and preliminary design; and
- (3) 7780TH – Retrofitting of noise barriers on Cheung Pei Shan Road, Tsuen Wan.

Asked by : Hon. CHAN Wai-yip, Albert

Reply :

- (1) 7052TH – Route 9 – section between Shek Wai Kok and Chai Wan Kok

At the time when funding approval was sought from the Finance Committee, the estimated commencement and completion dates of the works were July 2001 and December 2005 respectively. Works began in September 2001 and is now about 75% completed. The provision of \$87 million for 2006-07 will be used to pay for road and drainage works of the project. The latest forecast completion date is September 2006.

- (2) 7771TH – Tsuen Wan Road upgrading – site investigation and preliminary design

At the time of Finance Committee's approval, the estimated commencement and completion dates of this site investigation and preliminary design study were May 2002 and November 2003 respectively. Whilst we commenced the site investigation and preliminary design study in July 2002, the overall programme for the project was reviewed due to changes in the planning parameters and the resultant lower demand for the road upgrading works. The completion of the study is now re-scheduled for end 2006. The provision of \$3.5 million in 2006-07 will be used to pay for the consultancy fee.



(3) 7780TH – Retrofitting of noise barriers on Cheung Pei Shan Road, Tsuen Wan

Work on this project commenced in September 2005. About 5% of the project work has been completed to date. We expect to complete the works by March 2008 as planned at the time of Finance Committee's approval. The provision of \$39.5 million in 2006-07 will be used for payment of the construction of noise barriers, semi-noise enclosures and associated works.

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Date 13.3.2006