

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

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Programme : (2) Port Services

Controlling Officer : Director of Marine

Director of Bureau : Secretary for Transport and Housing

Question :

In 2007, the number of passengers using marine ferry terminals increased by over 10% compared with 2006. What specific measures will the Marine Department take to ease the congestion of passengers waiting for boarding?

Asked by : Hon. LAU Kin-ye, Miriam

Reply :

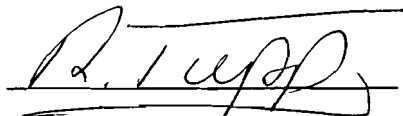
At the Macau Ferry Terminal (MFT), modification works to eight berthing platforms were completed in early 2008 to enhance flexibility of berth utilisation. We have also installed new passenger seating in the Departure Waiting Halls of the China Ferry Terminal (CFT) to provide a more comfortable environment for passengers.

In 2008-09, we will continue to carry out the following works at the terminals to further enhance the service standards:

- (a) refurbishment of berthing platforms at MFT;
- (b) replacement of the sailing information display systems at MFT and CFT; and
- (c) replacement of components of the ventilation and air-conditioning systems at MFT and CFT.

The above measures will help improve the facilities at the marine ferry terminals and in turn facilitate more efficient passenger flow.

Signature



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