

3. Hon Mrs Selina CHOW to ask: (Translation)

Since mid-September this year, the authorities have closed off part of the traffic lanes along a section of Nathan Road within Tsim Sha Tsui and implemented traffic diversion measures to facilitate the extension works of the MTR Tsim Sha Tsui Station. In this connection, will the Government inform this Council:

- (a) of the number of complaints lodged by shop owners with the relevant authorities on the ground that the road closure and traffic diversion measures have caused their business turnover to drop;
- (b) whether it has assessed the financial losses suffered by shop owners as a result of the road closure and traffic diversion measures; if so, of the results of the assessment; and
- (c) whether the relevant authorities will pay compensation to the affected shop owners; if so, of the criteria and mechanism for determining the amount of compensation?

Public Officer to reply : **Secretary for the Environment, Transport and Works**