

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

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

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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.

Signature \_\_\_\_\_

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