

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

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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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