

Examination of Estimates of Expenditure 2009-10

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**CONTROLLING OFFICER'S REPLY TO
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Question:

Regarding the target for repairing road surface within 24 hours, the planned target for 2009 (90%) is lower than that of the actual percentage of 2008 (94%) and 2007 (95.7%). Please explain in detail the reasons for setting a lower target for 2009.

Asked by: Hon SHEK Lai-him, Abraham

Reply:

The Highways Department achieved 88.5%, 95.7% and 94.0% compliance with respect to the performance target of “repairing road surfaces within 24 hours” set at 70%, 80% and 90% in 2006, 2007 and 2008 respectively. In view of factors such as extreme weather and heavy traffic conditions of the works locations which affect our compliance of this target, it is considered appropriate to maintain the target of 2009 at 90%. Nevertheless, we will continue to closely monitor our performance and review our performance targets from time to time.

Signature _____

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