

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

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Head: 60 – Highways Department

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Controlling Officer: Director of Highways

Director of Bureau: Secretary for Transport and Housing

Question:

It is the responsibility of the Government to carry out more district-based works projects to promote employment. Please advise the amount of provision for repairing road surface and construction of noise barriers in 2009-2010, and whether the affected residents have been consulted prior to the implementation of all these works projects.

Asked by: Hon. LEUNG Kwok-hung

Reply:

In 2009-10, the Highways Department plans to spend about \$725 million on road maintenance works and seek approval for funding from the Finance Committee of the Legislative Council for five highway projects which involve the construction of noise barriers/enclosures. The estimated construction cost of noise barriers/enclosures of these projects is about \$2,610 million in September 2008 prices. The public, including the affected residents, have been or will be consulted on these projects in accordance with the established procedures prior to the commencement of the works.

Signature _____

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Post Title Director of Highways

Date 20 March 2009