

Examination of Estimates of Expenditure 2010-11

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

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Question:

While the targets of (i) repairing road surface within 24 hours and (ii) repairing traffic signs within 36 hours are set at 90% for 2010, the actual percentages achieved in 2008 and 2009 are over 90%. What are the reasons for not setting higher targets for 2010?

Asked by: Hon. LI Fung-ying

Reply:

The target percentage (i.e. 90%) for repairing road surface within 24 hours and traffic signs within 36 hours is lower than the actual percentages of 2008 and 2009 (i.e. between 92.7% for traffic signs in 2008 and 99.9% for road surface in 2009). It is because the target percentage has been set to take into account the possibility of repair works involving more extensive damage or complex temporary traffic arrangements, which will require more time for completion. There are actually more such cases in an average year than those recorded in 2008 and 2009. Therefore the 90% target percentage is maintained for 2010. We will continue to monitor our performance with a view to setting a higher standard in the coming years.

Signature _____

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Date _____ 15.3.2010 _____