

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

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Programme: (2) District and Maintenance

Controlling Officer: Director of Highways

Director of Bureau: Secretary for Transport and Housing

Question:

The estimated expenditure on highways maintenance for 2010 is approximately \$46 million higher than the expenditure of 2009. Will the Bureau explain to this Committee, in general terms, the reasons for the increase?

Asked by: Hon. TONG Ka-wah, Ronny

Reply:

The increase in the provision for highways maintenance in 2010 as compared with that of 2009 is \$46 million (or by 5.4%). The increase is due to the commissioning of the remaining roads in the Tsing Sha Control Area in December 2009, and the increase in maintenance costs for the Tuen Mun Road and Tolo Highway arising from interface works associated with the reconstruction and widening.

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