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

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Head: 60 - Highways Department Subhead (No. & title):

Programme: (2) District and Maintenance

Controlling Officer: Director of Highways

Director of Bureau: Secretary for Transport and Housing

Question:

Many road users pointed out that there was inadequate lighting for many road signs, which impinged on their decision in taking the right routes. In this regard, did the Administration invest any resources in conducting reviews or making improvements in the past three years? If yes, what are the results; if not, what are the reasons?

Asked by: Hon. CHEUNG Hok-ming

Reply:

The requirements and standards of lighting for directional signs adopted by the Highways Department (HyD), which are stipulated in the Transport Planning and Design Manual and the Public Lighting Design Manual, are based on internationally accepted standards. Besides ensuring provision of adequate and appropriate lighting, HyD also carries out regular inspections to ensure that any lamp failure or damage is handled in a timely manner.

HyD has not received any complaints on inadequate lighting for the directional signs maintained by the department in the past three years. It will continue to keep track of advancement in technology and changes in lighting standards overseas to ensure that the local standards are up-to-date and appropriate.

Signature _____

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Post Title Director of Highways

Date 16.3.2011