

Examination of Estimates of Expenditure 2011-12

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Question:

It is expected that the expenditure on maintenance of road lights will increase from \$58.2 million in 2010-11 to \$71 million in 2011-12. Why is there an increase of more than 20%?

Asked by: Hon. CHEUNG Yu-yan, Tommy

Reply:

The increase in estimated expenditure on maintenance of road lighting facilities is due to the increase in material cost. The costs of copper and steel, which are the crucial elements in the road lighting facilities, have increased by 16% and 23% respectively from November 2009 to November 2010.

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