

Examination of Estimates of Expenditure 2011-12

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Question:

The Administration's estimated expenditure on maintenance of road lights for 2011-12 is \$71.0 million, which is significantly higher than the actual expenditure in the last two years (i.e. \$57.0 million in 2009-10 and \$58.2 million in 2010-11). Please provide reasons for and details of the increase in the estimated expenditure.

Asked by: Hon. HO Chung-tai, Raymond

Reply:

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

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