

**CONTROLLING OFFICER'S REPLY TO  
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Question:

It is reported that the 'ad hoc quota trial scheme for cross-boundary private cars' will be launched in March. Regarding this arrangement, has the Highways Department been involved or provided comments? Has the Department made any preparation for resolving the differences in traffic signs and road conditions between Guangdong and Hong Kong? If so, what are the details? If not, what are the reasons?

Asked by: Hon. SHEK Lai-him, Abraham

Reply:

The Highways Department (HyD) is responsible for enhancement, maintenance and repair of traffic signs and road markings, which are used and installed following relevant legal provisions or technical guidelines. HyD will continue to upkeep the public roads and associated facilities to facilitate the management of traffic in Hong Kong.

To prepare for implementation of the first phase of the 'ad hoc quota trial scheme for cross-boundary private cars', the Transport Department (TD) has recently reviewed the traffic signs and road markings along the Kong Sham Western Highway, the Shenzhen Bay Bridge (SBB) and the roads linking SBB with the Shenzhen Bay Port Hong Kong Port Area. On TD's recommendations HyD has added and modified some traffic signs and road markings along this route with a view to providing clear and easy-to-understand signage for cross-boundary drivers. The aforementioned enhancement works were substantially completed in January 2012.

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