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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:

Regarding the works relating to the repairing of traffic signs, will the Government inform this Committee of the following:

- a) the number of traffic signs which required repairs in each of the past 5 years (i.e. 2007-08 to 2011-12), the reasons for such works, the major repair parts, the expenditure and the manpower involved respectively. Please list the breakdown by District Council districts;
- b) for the target of completing traffic signs repairing works within 36 hours, the actual performance achieved by the Administration was 98.6% and 97.3% in 2010 and 2011 respectively, both exceeded the target of 95%. Please provide the following information in relation to this matter:
 - i) the target set for 2012 (95%) is still below the actual performance of the past two years, what are the reasons? the Administration has not raised the target for 2012 according to the actual situation, what are the reasons?
 - ii) the performance of 2011 was less satisfactory than that of 2010, what are the reasons?

Asked by: Hon. WONG Sing-chi

Reply:

- (a) The objective of conducting traffic sign repair works is to ensure the safety of the road network. Traffic sign repair works is conducted each year. It mainly involves the regular inspection of approximately 160 000 traffic signs in the territory, and the replacement and reinstatement works for the defective and graffiti-covered traffic signs and those subject to wear and tear. The expenditure and the Department's monitoring manpower involved are listed in the annex.
- (b)(i) We set practical targets with reference to past performance and other factors which may affect the performance. The actual performance of traffic sign repair works is affected by external factors such as weather or local traffic conditions. Although we consider the current target for 2012 suitable, we will continue to monitor the performance in this regard, and set and strive towards a higher target in the future.

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- (b)(ii) As the time needed for traffic sign repair works is affected by many factors such as dilapidated condition, adverse weather and traffic of particular locations, the performance each year may not be consistent. However, we will try our best to achieve the performance target in any circumstances.

Signature: _____

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Post Title: Director of Highways

Date: 1.3.2012

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Financial Year	District	Expenditure on works cost	Department's monitoring manpower
		\$million	man-month
2007-08	Kowloon East (Including Kowloon City, Wong Tai Sin and Kwun Tong)	1.06	13.5
	Kowloon West (Including Yau Tsim Mong and Sham Shui Po)	0.81	14.5
	Southeast Hong Kong (Including Eastern and Southern)	0.19	11.0
	Northwest Hong Kong (Including Wan Chai and Central and Western)	0.74	12.0
	New Territories East (Including Sha Tin, Tai Po, North, Sai Kung and Islands)	1.16	35.0
	New Territories West (Including Tuen Mun, Yuen Long, Tsuen Wan and Kwai Tsing)	1.15	34.0
	Expressways in the territory	1.03	11.0
2008-09	Kowloon East (Including Kowloon City, Wong Tai Sin and Kwun Tong)	1.01	13.5
	Kowloon West (Including Yau Tsim Mong and Sham Shui Po)	0.85	14.5
	Southeast Hong Kong (Including Eastern and Southern)	0.19	11.0
	Northwest Hong Kong (Including Wan Chai and Central and Western)	0.74	12.0
	New Territories East (Including Sha Tin, Tai Po, North, Sai Kung and Islands)	1.58	35.0
	New Territories West (Including Tuen Mun, Yuen Long, Tsuen Wan and Kwai Tsing)	0.91	34.0
	Expressways in the territory	1.15	11.0

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2009-10	Kowloon East (Including Kowloon City, Wong Tai Sin and Kwun Tong)	1.06	13.5
	Kowloon West (Including Yau Tsim Mong and Sham Shui Po)	0.89	14.5
	Southeast Hong Kong (Including Eastern and Southern)	2.11	11.0
	Northwest Hong Kong (Including Wan Chai and Central and Western)	2.02	12.0
	New Territories East (Including Sha Tin, Tai Po, North, Sai Kung and Islands)	0.36	35.0
	New Territories West (Including Tuen Mun, Yuen Long, Tsuen Wan and Kwai Tsing)	1.50	34.0
	Expressways in the territory	0.95	11.0
2010-11	Kowloon East (Including Kowloon City, Wong Tai Sin and Kwun Tong)	0.78	13.5
	Kowloon West (Including Yau Tsim Mong and Sham Shui Po)	0.78	15.0
	Southeast Hong Kong (Including Eastern and Southern)	0.19	11.5
	Northwest Hong Kong (Including Wan Chai and Central and Western)	0.70	12.5
	New Territories East (Including Sha Tin, Tai Po, North, Sai Kung and Islands)	0.36	35.0
	New Territories West (Including Tuen Mun, Yuen Long, Tsuen Wan and Kwai Tsing)	1.92	34.0
	Expressways in the territory	0.5	11.0

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2011-12 (Up to January 2012)	Kowloon East (Including Kowloon City, Wong Tai Sin and Kwun Tong)	0.41	11.5
	Kowloon West (Including Yau Tsim Mong and Sham Shui Po)	0.89	12.5
	Southeast Hong Kong (Including Eastern and Southern)	0.33	9.5
	Northwest Hong Kong (Including Wan Chai and Central and Western)	0.35	10.0
	New Territories East (Including Sha Tin, Tai Po, North, Sai Kung and Islands)	0.22	29.0
	New Territories West (Including Tuen Mun, Yuen Long, Tsuen Wan and Kwai Tsing)	0.96	28.5
	Expressways in the territory	0.79	9.0