

**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:

Regarding the works relating to the repairing of road surface, will the Government inform this Committee of the following:

- a) the area / kilometers of road surface 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 road surface repairing works within 24 hours, the actual performance in 2010 and 2011 was 100% and 99.7% respectively, both exceeded the target of 90%. Please provide the following information in relation to this matter:
 - i) the target set for 2012 (90%) is still below the actual performance in 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) Road surface repair works aims at ensuring the serviceability of the road network. Repairing of road surface conducted each year mainly includes the regular inspection of approximately 25 000 000 m² of carriageway surface and over 8 000 000 m² of pedestrian and cycling track surface in the territory, and to conduct resurfacing and reinstatement works for the defective and deteriorated road surface found in the inspection. 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 performance. The actual performance of road surface 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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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)	37.6	250
	Kowloon West (Including Yau Tsim Mong and Sham Shui Po)	15.9	231
	Southeast Hong Kong (Including Eastern and Southern)	24.7	190
	Northwest Hong Kong (Including Wan Chai and Central and Western)	22.2	199
	New Territories East (Including Sha Tin, Tai Po, North, Sai Kung and Islands)	78.5	217
	New Territories West (Including Tuen Mun, Yuen Long, Tsuen Wan and Kwai Tsing)	63.2	312
	Expressways in the territory	102.0	182
2008-09	Kowloon East (Including Kowloon City, Wong Tai Sin and Kwun Tong)	43.2	257
	Kowloon West (Including Yau Tsim Mong and Sham Shui Po)	14.4	230
	Southeast Hong Kong (Including Eastern and Southern)	20.1	187
	Northwest Hong Kong (Including Wan Chai and Central and Western)	22.8	201
	New Territories East (Including Sha Tin, Tai Po, North, Sai Kung and Islands)	97.4	223
	New Territories West (Including Tuen Mun, Yuen Long, Tsuen Wan and Kwai Tsing)	77.7	324
	Expressways in the territory	94.2	181

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2009-10	Kowloon East (Including Kowloon City, Wong Tai Sin and Kwun Tong)	18.8	234
	Kowloon West (Including Yau Tsim Mong and Sham Shui Po)	11.0	222
	Southeast Hong Kong (Including Eastern and Southern)	19.1	185
	Northwest Hong Kong (Including Wan Chai and Central and Western)	17.1	195
	New Territories East (Including Sha Tin, Tai Po, North, Sai Kung and Islands)	61.8	212
	New Territories West (Including Tuen Mun, Yuen Long, Tsuen Wan and Kwai Tsing)	76.3	331
	Expressways in the territory	99.7	182
2010-11	Kowloon East (Including Kowloon City, Wong Tai Sin and Kwun Tong)	18.8	240
	Kowloon West (Including Yau Tsim Mong and Sham Shui Po)	11.3	228
	Southeast Hong Kong (Including Eastern and Southern)	16.1	186
	Northwest Hong Kong (Including Wan Chai and Central and Western)	20.8	203
	New Territories East (Including Sha Tin, Tai Po, North, Sai Kung and Islands)	61.4	214
	New Territories West (Including Tuen Mun, Yuen Long, Tsuen Wan and Kwai Tsing)	88.5	338
	Expressways in the territory	55.8	172

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2011-12 (Up to January 2012)	Kowloon East (Including Kowloon City, Wong Tai Sin and Kwun Tong)	13.3	195
	Kowloon West (Including Yau Tsim Mong and Sham Shui Po)	4.9	179
	Southeast Hong Kong (Including Eastern and Southern)	7.5	147
	Northwest Hong Kong (Including Wan Chai and Central and Western)	19.8	168
	New Territories East (Including Sha Tin, Tai Po, North, Sai Kung and Islands)	37.9	172
	New Territories West (Including Tuen Mun, Yuen Long, Tsuen Wan and Kwai Tsing)	57.2	270
	Expressways in the territory	49.1	142