Examination of Estimates of Expenditure 2013-14

CONTROLLING OFFICER'S REPLY TO INITIAL WRITTEN QUESTION

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Head: 60 - Highways Department Subhead (No. & title):

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Question:

Works contracts commenced in accordance with agreed programmes is one of the targets under the performance measures taken by the Highways Department. Will the Administration provide information on:

- (a) works commenced in accordance with agreed programmes amounted to 100% and 87.5% in 2011 and 2012 respectively. What are the reasons for the drop in percentage; and
- (b) the target of 90% for 2013 is lower than that of 100% for 2011. Will the Administration consider adjusting it upwards? If not, what are the reasons?

Asked by: Hon. LO Wai-kwok

Reply:

- (a) In 2011, we commenced all works contracts according to the agreed programmes, and achieved 100% in terms of actual performance, against a target of 90%. In 2012, we commenced seven out of eight works contracts in accordance with agreed programmes and adjusted the implementation schedule for one works contract. Therefore, the actual performance in 2012 was 87.5%.
- (b) We have been adopting a target of 90%, while endeavouring to commence all works contracts in accordance with the agreed programmes. The targets for 2013 and 2011 are in fact the same, i.e. 90%.

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