

CONTROLLING OFFICER'S REPLY

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Question (Member Question No. 2.05):

- (1) - What is the total number of closed circuit television (CCTV) camera systems currently installed by the Highways Department (HyD) across the territory for monitoring the on-spot situations on roads, pedestrian walkways or other public areas? Please provide the estimated expenditure for the procurement, installation and operation of these systems in 2014-15.
- (2) - How long will the HyD retain the footages recorded by the camera systems? Has any privacy policy been laid down in respect of such footages? Would the HyD allow the Hong Kong Police Force (HKPF) to obtain such live or recorded footages from these camera systems? If so, what are the details, the rank of the approving officer and the vetting criteria?
- (3) - Please provide the respective number of occasions when the HKPF sought live or recorded footages in 2013-14.

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Reply:

- (1) - At present, for security reasons, the HyD has about 160 CCTVs installed at lifts of footbridges/subways, with monitor displaying the captured images mounted at the exterior wall for real-time viewing by the public. For monitoring of traffic conditions during construction, the HyD has 17 temporary CCTVs installed at the road construction sites. All CCTVs installed by the HyD do not have recording facilities.
- (2) - The estimated expenditure for the procurement and installation of CCTVs in 2014-15 is about \$1 million. As the CCTVs are used to display captured images and not equipped with recording facilities, the operational cost is minimal.
- (3) - The HyD has not received any request from the HKPF for any CCTV images in 2013-14.