

**CONTROLLING OFFICER'S REPLY**

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Head: (60) Highways Department  
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Controlling Officer: Director of Highways (K K LAU)  
Director of Bureau: Secretary for Transport and Housing

Question (Member Question No. 15):

With respect to improving road cleanliness, what will be the expenditure for next year? How many outsourcing contractors are involved? What is the manpower to be employed? What is the staffing establishment in the department concerned?

Asked by: Hon. LAU Wong-fat

Reply:

The Highways Department (HyD) has employed eight contractors for the maintenance of all public roads, including highway structures, government road tunnels, road furniture, road drainage and roadside slopes. On cleanliness, the works carried out by the contractors cover mainly expressways, lifts, escalators and street furniture such as road signs and barriers. To maintain all bridges and subway structures in a good condition, the contractors also cleanse all footbridges and subways at least once every quarter. The estimated expenditure on the above cleanliness works in 2014-15 is \$62.42 million. The anticipated staff establishment under the District and Maintenance Works Programme is 962 as at 31 March 2015. Cleanliness constitutes only a minor portion of District and Maintenance Works. There is no separate breakdown on staff establishment solely dedicated for overseeing road cleanliness.