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What is the number of shotcreted slopes for which the Department plans to conduct greening works in the coming year? What are the criteria for the selection of slope and greening method?

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Reply:

The Highways Department (HyD) will carry out greening works for 18 shotcreted slopes in 2014-15.

In selecting the slopes for the greening works, HyD will consider the criteria of the impacts to slope stability, the availability of adequate planting space and sunlight, the potential and sustainability of greening improvements to the surrounding areas, and the cost effectiveness of the greening. HyD will also carry out the greening works when there are upgrading/improvement works for the slopes, if feasible. The greening works will be designed and implemented according to the relevant guidelines promulgated by the Geotechnical Engineering Office of the Civil Engineering and Development Department.