

**CONTROLLING OFFICER'S REPLY**

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Question:

Regarding the reconstruction and improvement of Tuen Mun Road (TMR),

- (1) Did the Government receive any claims for compensation in relation to the incident in which vehicles had their tyres punctured by a screw protruding from an expansion joint on TMR? What are the number of compensation claims, the handling mechanism and expenses involved? Have the cases gone through the claiming procedures?
- (2) What was the total number of reports of flooding on TMR in 2014? Please list out by date of the incident, rainfall on that day and cause of flooding; and
- (3) If the cause of flooding was related to the reconstruction and improvement of TMR, what follow-up action did the Government take and what were the relevant expenses?

Asked by: Hon CHAN Ka-lok, Kenneth (Member Question No. 358)

Reply:

- (1) A total of 14 claims for compensation arising from damages allegedly caused by the defective movement joint on TMR were received. They are being dealt with according to established procedures. Ten of the claims have been settled and the remaining four claims are being processed. No compensation is required to be paid by the Government so far.
- (2) There were two incidents of local ponding near Tuen Mun Court and Siu Lam respectively at TMR on 30 March 2014. After investigation, it was observed that a Black Rainstorm Warning Signal was hoisted on the day with a daily total rainfall of 186.5 millimetres recorded. The incidents were found to be caused by the blockage of road drains by debris washed down from the adjacent land during the heavy rainstorm.
- (3) The incidents of local ponding were found to be caused by the blockage of road drains by debris washed down from the adjacent land during the heavy rainstorm. They were not caused by the reconstruction and improvement works of TMR. After the incidents, the Highways Department has carried out thorough checking of the gullies and road drains to ensure the proper functioning of the road drainage system.

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