

CONTROLLING OFFICER'S REPLY

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Head: (60) Highways Department
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Question:

Regarding the Indicators for District and Maintenance Works of the Highways Department, the expenditure on roadside slope works has been substantially increased from \$52 million in 2015 to \$70 million in the 2016 estimate. What is the reason?

Asked by: Hon IP Kwok-him (Member Question No. 51)

Reply:

In addition to the routine maintenance of roadside slopes, the consultants for roadside slopes in New Territories Region (the consultancy commenced in May 2013) have recommended to upgrade 36 existing slopes. The related slope upgrading works are to be carried out under a new contract which is scheduled to commence in 2016 for completion in 2019. As a result of the slope upgrading works, the expenditure will increase from \$52 million to \$70 million in the 2016 estimate.

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