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Question:

The Kap Shui Mun Bridge (the Bridge) was struck by a vessel in October 2015. In this regard, please provide information on the damage to the bridge, the repair works concerned and the details of repair costs. Has the Government taken any action against any person or company to recover the relevant costs? If no, what are the reasons?

Asked by: Dr Hon Kenneth CHAN Ka-lok (Member Question No. 163)

Reply:

During the ship collision incident at the Bridge in October 2015, the optical fibres of the ship impact alarm system and six rails for supporting the inspection platform near the mid-span of the Bridge, which are non-structural installations attached to the Bridge's soffit, were found damaged by the collision. Some bolts near these rails were also found missing. The optical fibres were repaired in November 2015 and the missing bolts replaced in January 2016. The damaged rails of the inspection gantry were removed in January 2016 and will be replaced by mid-2016. The costs of the relevant works have yet to be finalised. The relevant parties at fault will be pursued, by court action if necessary, in order to recover the relevant repair costs arising from the collision incident.

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