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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:

In the 2016-17 Estimates, 6 600 road lighting points will be completed by the Government, which is less than that in 2015. Please provide information on:

- (a) the reason for the drop in road lighting points; and
- (b) in table form the numbers and details of complaints associated with excessive lighting level of road lights received from the 18 districts across the territory in the past three years –

2015	Total number of complaints	Processing	Lighting level reduced
Central and Western			
Wan Chai			
Eastern			
Southern			
Kowloon City			
Wong Tai Sin			
Kwun Tong			
Yau Tsim Mong			
Sham Shui Po			
Tsuen Wan			
Kwai Tsing			
Sai Kung			
Sha Tin			
Tai Po			
North			
Tuen Mun			
Yuen Long			
Islands			

2014	Total number of complaints	Processing	Lighting level reduced
Central and Western			
Wan Chai			
Eastern			
Southern			
Kowloon City			
Wong Tai Sin			
Kwun Tong			
Yau Tsim Mong			
Sham Shui Po			
Tsuen Wan			
Kwai Tsing			
Sai Kung			
Sha Tin			
Tai Po			
North			
Tuen Mun			
Yuen Long			
Islands			

2013	Total number of complaints	Processing	Lighting level reduced
Central and Western			
Wan Chai			
Eastern			
Southern			
Kowloon City			
Wong Tai Sin			
Kwun Tong			
Yau Tsim Mong			
Sham Shui Po			
Tsuen Wan			
Kwai Tsing			
Sai Kung			
Sha Tin			
Tai Po			
North			
Tuen Mun			
Yuen Long			
Islands			

Asked by: Hon Gary FAN Kwok-wai (Member Question No. 47)

Reply:

- (a) The Highways Department (HyD) installed a total of 6 992 road lighting points in 2015 including replacement of existing aged road lights on a need basis to maintain serviceability and standard. The difference in the planned road lighting points to be installed in 2016 as compared with the actual lighting points installed in 2015 is mainly due to the decrease in the planned quantities of aged road lights to be replaced in 2016 as compared with those in 2015 based on site inspection results.
- (b) There were 17, 12 and 29 complaints on excessive lighting level received by the HyD in 2013, 2014 and 2015 respectively. About 90% of these complaints are related to lights shining onto individual residential premises. Depending on the individual situations, different improvement measures have been carried out, namely, installation of lanterns of reduced lighting level, installation of light shields to avoid diffusion of light, and relocation of the lights concerned. The geographical distribution of the complaints received and the follow-up actions taken in the past three years are as follows –

District	Number of Complaints Received	Follow-up Actions		
		Reduction of Lighting Level	Installation of Light Shields	Relocation of Lights
Number of Cases in 2013 / 2014 / 2015				
Central and Western	1/1/3	-/1/2	1/-/1	-/-/-
Wan Chai	1/-/2	-/-/-	1/-/2	-/-/-
Eastern	4/1/3	1/1/2	3/-/1	-/-/-
Southern	-/1/1	-/1/1	-/-/-	-/-/-
Kowloon City	-/-/-	-/-/-	-/-/-	-/-/-
Wong Tai Sin	1/-/-	-/-/-	1/-/-	-/-/-
Kwun Tong	1/-/-	-/-/-	-/-/-	1/-/-
Yau Tsim Mong	-/-/2	-/-/1	-/-/-	-/-/1
Sham Shui Po	1/-/-	1/-/-	-/-/-	-/-/-
Tsuen Wan	1/1/4	1/1/4	-/-/-	-/-/-
Kwai Tsing	-/-/-	-/-/-	-/-/-	-/-/-
Sai Kung	-/1/1	-/1/1	-/-/-	-/-/-
Sha Tin	2/1/-	2/1/-	-/-/-	-/-/-
Tai Po	1/-/2	1/-/-	-/-/-	-/-/2
North	-/-/2	-/-/1	-/-/1	-/-/-
Tuen Mun	-/-/1	-/-/1	-/-/-	-/-/-
Yuen Long	3/5/4	3/5/1	-/-/2	-/-/1

District	Number of Complaints Received	Follow-up Actions		
		Reduction of Lighting Level	Installation of Light Shields	Relocation of Lights
Islands	1/1/4	1/1/2	-/-/1	-/-/1
Total	17/12/29	10/12/16	6/-/8	1/-/5

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