

**CONTROLLING OFFICER'S REPLY**

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Head: (60) Highways Department  
Subhead (No. & title): (000) Operational expenses  
Programme: (2) District and Maintenance Works  
Controlling Officer: Director of Highways (K K LAU)  
Director of Bureau: Secretary for Development

Question:

- (1) In July and August 2015, the Highways Department (HyD) removed several stonewall trees on Bonham Road in Central District. What is the breakdown of the costs involved? Is the HyD still monitoring the state of the stumps and the stone walls? What are the work and expenses involved?
- (2) What are the details of the work done to reinstate the stone walls affected by the collapsed trees and the expenses involved?

Asked by: Dr Hon Kenneth CHAN Ka-lok (Member Question No. 164)

Reply:

- (1) The expenditure for removing a stonewall tree and pruning remaining stonewall trees in July 2015 at Bonham Road was about \$43,000. The expenditure for removing stonewall trees in August 2015 at Bonham Road was about \$66,000. Monitoring of the condition of the remaining tree stumps and the stonewall concerned is still ongoing. Monitoring markers were installed at the cost of about \$1,000. As HyD deploys existing staff to carry out the monitoring, there is no separate breakdown on the staff cost involved.
- (2) The reinstatement works subsequent to the collapse of a stonewall tree in July 2015 included mending the damaged section of the stonewall, repairing a damaged road surface and undertaking associated road works. The expenditure on the works was about \$307,000.

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