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Question:

What is the reason for the conspicuous increase in the estimated expenditure on highways maintenance in 2017?

Asked by: Hon CHAN Hak-kan (Member Question No.48)

Reply:

The increase in the estimated expenditure on highways maintenance in 2017 is due to -

- (i) cost escalation, especially for works-related costs (e.g. workers' wages for civil works contracts); and
- (ii) the commissioning and handing over to the Highways Department of new highway and associated facilities for maintenance, including the Hong Kong Link Road and the Hong Kong Boundary Crossing Facilities for the Hong Kong-Zhuhai-Macao Bridge, improvement works on pedestrian link facilities in Tsz Wan Shan, Kai Tak development - Stage 3A & Stage 4 infrastructure works at north apron area of Kai Tak Airport, development at Anderson Road as well as the lifts and associated facilities under the Universal Accessibility Programme.

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