

**CONTROLLING OFFICER'S REPLY****THB(T)274****(Question Serial No. 6074)**

Head: (60) Highways Department

Subhead (No. & title): (-) Not Specified

Programme: (2) District and Maintenance Works

Controlling Officer: Director of Highways (Daniel K W CHUNG)

Director of Bureau: Secretary for Transport and Housing

Question:

According to the figures given under Programme (2), the provision for district and maintenance works in this financial year shows a substantial increase of 53%. In this connection, will the Government provide details on the uses for the increased provision, the necessity and the performance measures?

Asked by: Hon TAM Man-ho, Jeremy (Member Question No. (LegCo use): 435)

Reply:

The provision for Programme (2) in 2018–19 is \$810.0 million (53.0%) higher than the revised estimate for 2017–18. This is mainly due to the increased provision for highways maintenance, general departmental expenses and workshop services for newly commissioned projects (including major projects such as Hong Kong-Zhuhai-Macao Bridge (HZMB) Hong Kong Link Road, HZMB Hong Kong Port, Central-Wan Chai Bypass and Island Eastern Corridor Link, Liantang/Heung Yuen Wai Boundary Control Point and associated works and Hong Kong section of Guangzhou-Shenzhen-Hong Kong Express Rail Link), filling of vacancies as well as a net increase of 90 posts in 2018–19.

The details of the key performance measures can be found in paragraph 12 of the Controlling Officer's Report of the Highways Department. An extract of paragraph 12 is provided below -

12. The key performance measures are:

*Targets*

	Target	2016 (Actual)	2017 (Actual)	2018 (Plan)
responding to public enquiries and complaints within seven working days (%) .....	100	99.9	99.9	100
clearing obstructions on expressways				
(i) arrive at reported location within two hours upon receipt of a report (%).....	90.0	99.6	100	90.0

## Targets

	Target	2016 (Actual)	2017 (Actual)	2018 (Plan)
(ii) clear the road obstructions within eight hours upon receipt of a report (%).....	100	100	100	<b>100</b>
rectifying untidy and unclean roadwork sites within three working days (%).....	100	100	100	<b>100</b>
displaying the purpose and the anticipated completion date of roadworks on site (%).....	100	99.9	99.9	<b>100</b>
repairing holes on road surface				
(i) within 24 hours (%).....	95.0	99.8	99.5	<b>95.0</b>
(ii) within 48 hours (%).....	100	99.9	99.9	<b>100</b>
repairing traffic signs				
(i) within 36 hours (%).....	95.0	99.4	99.1	<b>95.0</b>
(ii) within 48 hours (%).....	100	99.9	99.7	<b>100</b>
issuing road excavation permits to public utilities/road works permits within				
(i) eight working days (%).....	95.0	99.9	99.9	<b>95.0</b>
(ii) ten working days (%).....	99.0	100	99.9	<b>99.0</b>
issuing expressway works permits to public utilities within 12 working days (%).....	100	100	100	<b>100</b>
providing temporary pedestrian facilities where roadworks affect existing pedestrian routes (%).....	100	99.9	99.9	<b>100</b>
cleansing all footbridges and subways at least once per quarter (%).....	100	100	100	<b>100</b>
carrying out routine inspections on expressways (by vehicle) once every day (%)¶.....	100	100	100	<b>100</b>
carrying out routine inspections on trunk roads (by vehicle) once every seven days (%)Λ.....	100	100	100	<b>100</b>
carrying out routine inspections on primary distributors (by vehicle) once per month (%)ρ.....	100	100	100	<b>100</b>
inspection of highway structures and government road tunnels, including six-monthly superficial inspection, biennial general inspection and principal inspection to meet the capital project/maintenance programme (%).....	100	100	100	<b>100</b>
inspecting/cleansing traffic signs, directional signs and removing overgrown vegetation on expressways at least twice per year (%).....	100	100	100	<b>100</b>
inspecting/cleansing street name plates, traffic signs, directional signs, railings, barriers and planter walls at streets with high traffic flow at least once per quarter (%).....	100	100	100	<b>100</b>
inspecting/clearing exclusive road drains at flooding blackspots at least once per month during the wet season and once per quarter during the dry season (%).....	100	100	100	<b>100</b>

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