

CONTROLLING OFFICER'S REPLY**THB(T)268****(Question Serial No. 6115)**Head: (60) Highways DepartmentSubhead (No. & title): (-) Not SpecifiedProgramme: (2) District and Maintenance WorksControlling Officer: Director of Highways (Daniel K W CHUNG)Director of Bureau: Secretary for Transport and HousingQuestion:

The Highways Department (HyD) is responsible for the maintenance of all public roads, including highway structures, government road tunnels, road furniture, road drainage and roadside slopes. In this regard, please advise on:

- (a) the expenses arising from traffic accident where government property is damaged, and the number of cases involving inability to recover the costs of repair from the car owner/driver in the past three years;
- (b) whether the Government has made public the costs of repairing government property damaged in traffic accidents? If so, please provide a reply using the table form below:

Damaged facilities	Charges for replacing the facilities	Charges for repair workers	Total repair cost

Asked by: Hon MO Claudia (Member Question No. (LegCo use): 107)Reply:

(a)

In the past three years, the total cost for repair of road facilities under the purview of the HyD arising from 5 507 traffic accidents is about \$37 million. There are 266 cases which involved inability to recover the repair costs from the vehicle owner/driver.

(b)

In respect of the total cost for repair of road facilities under the purview of the HyD arising from traffic accidents, the HyD does not have the breakdown of the repair cost for each type of damaged road facilities as the contractors are paid on a lump sum basis.

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