

CONTROLLING OFFICER'S REPLY

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Head: (60) Highways Department
Subhead (No. & title): (-) Not Specified
Programme: (2) District and Maintenance Works
Controlling Officer: Director of Highways (Jimmy P M CHAN)
Director of Bureau: Secretary for Transport and Housing

Question:

After the passage of super typhoon Mangkhut last year, will the Administration inform this Committee of:

- (1) the total area of roads repaired by the Highways Department (HyD) in square metres, the expenditure and staff establishment involved in road repair works; and
- (2) the outstanding cases related to the typhoon at present and the expected completion date of such cases?

Asked by: Hon LO Wai-kwok (LegCo internal reference no.: 5)

Reply:

- (1) The total area of roads maintained by the HyD is 25.6 million square metres. The total expenditure on highways maintenance was \$994.8 million in 2018. The estimated area of roads damaged by super typhoon Mangkhut was about 1 200 square metres and the estimated expenditure for repair works was approximately \$1.6 million. The HyD had entrusted contractors to carry out the repair works under the supervision of HyD's staff.

Road inspections and maintenance are part of the District and Maintenance work of the HyD. As this is among its regular duties, there is no detailed breakdown in its staff establishment.

- (2) The repair works of a section of village access at Cheung Chau are still ongoing. The site concerned had been fully occupied for the stabilization work of an adjoining slope, which was also damaged during the typhoon, until February 2019. HyD commenced the repair works of the village access in early March 2019 and will complete the works by May 2019.

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