

CONTROLLING OFFICER'S REPLY

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Head: (60) Highways Department

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

Programme: (-) Not Specified

Controlling Officer: Director of Highways (Jimmy P M CHAN)

Director of Bureau: Secretary for Transport and Housing

Question:

Regarding its work in relation to the Code on Access to Information, will the Administration advise this Committee on the following:

- (1) concerning the requests for information under the Code on Access to Information received by the Highways Department (HyD) for which only some of the required information was provided, please state in table form: (i) the content of the requests for which only some of the required information was provided; (ii) the reasons for providing some of the information only; and (iii) how the requests were eventually handled.

Year

(i) Content of the requests for which only some of the required information was provided	(ii) Reasons for providing some of the information only	(iii) How the requests were eventually handled

- (2) concerning the requests for information under the Code on Access to Information received by the HyD for which the required information was not provided, please state in table form: (i) the content of the requests refused; (ii) the reasons for refusal; and (iii) how the requests were eventually handled.

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(i) Content of the requests refused	(ii) Reasons for refusal	(iii) How the requests were eventually handled

Asked by: Hon CHAN Tanya (LegCo internal reference no.: 88)

Reply:

- (1) The requests for information made pursuant to the Code on Access to Information received by the HyD from January to September 2018, for which only some of the required information was provided, are summarised below –

	(i) Content of the requests for which only some of the required information was provided	(ii) Reasons for providing some of the information only	(iii) How the requests were eventually handled
1	Information about Western Harbour Crossing Study Report, Volumes 1 to 4	<p>There is some sensitive information related to financial analysis, capital cost, operating cost and revenue estimation of the franchisee. Disclosure of such information would hamper the Government's commercial or contractual activities and management and operation of the public service.</p> <p>There is also some information involving internal discussion within the Government. Disclosure of such information would affect the frankness and candour of discussion within the Government.</p>	The request was met in part
2	Information about graffiti on roads and bridges in Hong Kong from 1997 to 2017	HyD does not have the detailed breakdown of the records regarding graffiti on roads and bridges. Preparation of the required information would divert substantial resources to examine a large number of records.	The request was met in part

- (2) From January to September 2018, there were no cases of requests for information under the Code on Access to Information received by the HyD, for which the required information was not provided.

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