

CONTROLLING OFFICER'S REPLY

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Head: (60) Highways Department
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Question:

Will the Administration inform this Committee that after the passage of typhoon Mangkhut in Hong Kong,

- (1) what is the total weight of road obstructions cleared by the Highways Department (HyD)?
- (2) what are the respective numbers of traffic signs, street lights, lifts and footbridges that have to be maintained?
- (3) what are the respective lengths of carriageways and footpaths that have to be restored?
- (4) what are the respective expenses on clearing obstructions and the maintenance of traffic signs, street lights, lifts and footbridges as mentioned above?
- (5) what are the expenses on the maintenance of the Hong Kong Section of the Hong Kong-Zhuhai-Macao Bridge (HZMB) in the aftermath of typhoon Mangkhut?
- (6) what are the respective numbers of traffic signs, street lights, lifts and footbridges that have not yet restored to date?

Asked by: Hon CHAN Chi-chuen (LegCo internal reference no.: 342)

Reply:

- (1),(4) Most of the road obstructions resulting from the super typhoon Mangkhut were caused by fallen trees. The HyD removed all blockages to carriageways by October 2018. Up to end-March 2019, HyD removed approximately 26 800 tonnes of tree debris on public roads and roadside slopes. The removal cost is approximately \$31 million.
- (2),(4),(6) The quantities of damaged road furniture and highways facilities and the estimated repair costs (figures as at end-March 2019) are tabulated below -

Damaged Facilities	Number of Damaged Facilities	Estimated Repair Cost (HK\$ million)
Traffic Signs	370	1
Road Lighting	3 369	11
Lifts and Escalators	72	11.2
Footbridges	23	2.3

The repair works for all road lighting facilities, lifts and escalators as well as footbridges have been completed. The repair works for the remaining three damaged traffic signs will be completed within the first half of 2019.

- (3) The length of the damaged roads and footpaths were about 175 metres and 2 100 metres respectively. The repair works of all the damaged roads and most of the damaged footpaths have been completed.
- (5) The repair works of the Hong Kong Section of the HZMB, which had yet to commence operation when the typhoon Mangkhut struck Hong Kong in mid-September 2018, were covered by the relevant works contracts.

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