

**CONTROLLING OFFICER'S REPLY**

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Question:

What are the respective lengths (in metres) of railings and paving blocks being dismantled in violent protests arising from opposition to the proposed legislative amendment? What is the restoration expenditure involved?

Asked by: Hon LEE Wai-king, Starry (LegCo internal reference no.: 50)

Reply:

From June 2019 to February 2020, some 55 kilometres of railings and some 22 000 square metres of paving blocks of footpaths were removed. Also, a total of 1 463 traffic bollards and 87 traffic signs were damaged.

Regarding the railings, having discussed with other relevant departments, the Highways Department (HyD) has temporarily put up plastic chains to alert road users at locations where the railings have been removed. HyD has been gradually reinstating the railings with reinforced and enhanced design. As for paving blocks of footpaths, HyD has rectified the damages. Also, all traffic bollards and traffic signs were repaired by end February 2020.

As the repair works are still in progress, the final expenditure of HyD's repair works has not yet been concluded but is estimated to be about \$28 million.

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