

CONTROLLING OFFICER'S REPLY

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Question:

Regarding the expenditure on highways maintenance, the estimated expenditure for 2020 is \$1.5445 billion, which is 35% higher than the actual expenditure in 2019. What are the reasons?

Asked by: Hon TSE Wai-chuen, Tony (LegCo internal reference no.: 36)

Reply:

The estimated increase in expenditure on highways maintenance in 2020-21 is mainly due to the need to provide additional provisions to cater for the projects commissioned in 2019 or scheduled to be commissioned in 2020 such as the Liangtang/Heung Yuen Wai Highway, Widening of Tolo Highway/Fanling Highway between Island House Interchange and Fanling - Stage 2 and Universal Accessibility Programme. Moreover, some road maintenance works, which could not be carried out in 2019-20 as planned due to repeated occurrence of public order events and outbreak of the Novel Coronavirus, are planned to be resumed in 2020-21.

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