

CONTROLLING OFFICER'S REPLY**THB(T)256****(Question Serial No. 4433)**

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:

The Highways Department (HyD) is responsible for the maintenance of all public roads, including highway structures, government road tunnels, road furniture, road drainage and roadside slopes. In this regard, please provide:

(a) HyD's outsourced projects in the past three years using the table below:

Contract number and commencement date	Contract details	Successful tenderer	Actual tender price	Anticipated completion date	Actual completion date

(b) The emergency works conducted in the past three years using the table below:

Commencement date and period	Location	Contract details	Cost	Anticipated completion date	Actual completion date

(c) How does the Department distinguish whether any works are "emergency works" or "general works"? What are the differences between the implementing procedures for "emergency works" and "general works"? For co-ordination of works, what are the ways currently used by the Department to notify other departments?

Asked by: Hon MO Claudia (LegCo internal reference no.: 105)

Reply:

(a) There are six HyD maintenance works contracts which commenced in the past three years, including term contracts for management and maintenance of local roads across various districts, as well as other contracts for slope upgrading and road improvements. The tender prices range from \$2 million to \$598 million. The term contracts normally cover a period of six years while the other contracts normally cover one to three years. All the works under these contracts are in progress.

- (b) On average, HyD issued more than 100 works orders for emergency works annually across various districts in the past three years. The works include emergency repair of carriageways and pavements and clearance of landslide debris and road blockage. The cost of these work orders ranges from less than \$1,000 to about \$1 million. Emergency works are usually completed within one day.
- (c) In general, HyD carries out emergency works for the purpose of (1) the prevention of injury to any person; (2) the saving of life of any person; (3) the prevention of damage to any property; or (4) the prevention of serious interruption or disruption to any public transport system or utility.

For emergency works, the maintenance term contractor will immediately mobilise plant and labour so as to complete the work as soon as possible after receiving HyD's works order. All relevant departments / authorities, such as the Hong Kong Police Force (HKPF) and the Transport Department (TD), will be informed immediately. If serious traffic disruption is anticipated, HyD will immediately notify the Emergency Transport Coordination Centre of TD to arrange the necessary publicity. HyD will also notify the parties concerned, such as utility undertakings affected by the works as soon as possible, in case excavation is involved.

For normal works, HyD will submit the temporary traffic arrangement for the agreement of relevant authorities, such as HKPF and TD. HyD will also notify the parties concerned, such as utility undertakings. The maintenance term contractors will normally be allowed a reasonable time to mobilise plant and labour to implement the works.

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