

**CONTROLLING OFFICER'S REPLY**

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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 advise on:

- (a) the expenses arising from traffic accident where government property is damaged, and the number of cases involving inability to recover the costs of repair from the car owner/driver in the past three years;
- (b) whether the Government has made public the costs of repairing government property damaged in traffic accidents? If so, please provide a reply using the table form below:

Damaged facilities	Charges for replacing the facilities	Charges for repair workers	Total repair cost

Asked by: Hon MO Claudia (LegCo internal reference no.: 108)

Reply:

(a)

In the past three years, the total cost for repair of road facilities under the purview of HyD arising from 6 175 traffic accidents is about \$34 million. We were unable to recover the repair costs from vehicle owners/drivers in 221 cases.

(b)

In respect of the cost for repair of road facilities under the purview of HyD arising from traffic accidents, HyD does not have the breakdown of the repair cost as the contractors are paid on a lump sum basis.

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