

CONTROLLING OFFICER'S REPLY

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Head: (60) Highways Department

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Programme: (1) Capital Projects, (2) District and Maintenance Works

Controlling Officer: Director of Highways (Jimmy P M CHAN)

Director of Bureau: Secretary for Transport and Housing

Question:

Please advise this Committee on:

- (1) the number of metal railings that have been replaced by plastic chains in various districts in Hong Kong since 2019 (provide in table form);
- (2) the staff establishment for installing plastic chains;
- (3) the expenditure involved; and
- (4) the time that the Administration will consider installing metal railings.

Asked by: Hon CHEUNG Chiu-hung, Fernando (LegCo internal reference no.: 593)

Reply:

From June 2019 to February 2020, some 55 kilometres of railings were removed. 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 the repair works for railings are still in progress, the final cost has yet been concluded but is estimated to be about \$15 million.

HyD deploys existing staff to oversee the repair works during the above period. There is no separate breakdown for the manpower deployed.

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