

**CONTROLLING OFFICER'S REPLY**

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Question:

Regarding road facilities including traffic lights, railings and the like in various districts being damaged due to social movements, the Administration replied that the final cost has yet been concluded as the repair works are still in progress and the estimated expenditure is about \$28 million. Please advise if the estimated expenditure has included relevant costs for enhancing the design of these road facilities so that such facilities are able to withstand vandalism effectively; and in case these facilities are vandalised once again, can the time and costs required for the repair and replacement works be minimised with the new design?

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

Reply:

The estimated cost for repairing vandalised traffic lights is about \$40 million. This has not covered the costs for enhanced protective measures. As the trials of various enhanced protective measures for traffic lights at selected locations are still in progress, the effectiveness of such measures in withstanding vandalism is subject to further assessment.

As for repair works of other road facilities, the estimated costs is about \$28 million, which has not covered the costs for enhanced designs. Trials are being conducted on the enhanced designs for road facilities to assess their performance including their effectiveness in withstanding vandalism.

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