

CONTROLLING OFFICER'S REPLY

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Head: (60) Highways Department
Subhead (No. & title): (-) Not Specified
Programme: (1) Capital Projects
Controlling Officer: Director of Highways (Jimmy P M CHAN)
Director of Bureau: Secretary for Transport and Housing

Question:

Regarding the barrier-free facilities retrofitted under the Universal Accessibility (UA) Programme, will the Government advise this Committee on:

- (a) the relevant staff establishment involved for 2021-22;
- (b) the number of facilities opened for public use to date; and
- (c) the number of service suspension due to failure of relevant facilities over the past three years, and the maintenance costs involved.

Asked by: Hon LAU Ip-keung, Kenneth (LegCo internal reference no.: 27)

Reply:

- (a) The Highways Department will deploy six Senior Engineers and 14 Engineers in 2021-22 to take forward the UA Programme.
- (b) As at 28 February 2021, 169 items were completed and opened for public use.
- (c) Over the past three years, there were 90 cases of service suspension (other than regular routine inspections) due to damages caused by adverse weather and vandalism arising from public order events. The average annual maintenance cost for each lift is around \$0.3 million.

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