Examination of Estimates of Expenditure 2021-22

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Question:

Regarding the projects implemented by the Highways Department (HyD), will the Government inform this Committee of the following:

- (a) the numbers of highway projects in the Public Works Programme as well as works related to public road maintenance and road improvement implemented by HyD in 2020 (with a breakdown by District Council (DC) district);
- (b) the number of temporary closures of or diversions to pedestrian access or temporary measures adopted due to the works commenced in 2020; and the longest and shortest durations thereof (with a breakdown by DC district).

Asked by: Hon OR Chong-shing, Wilson (LegCo internal reference no.: 79)

Reply:

(a) The number of road works carried out by HyD in 2020, including projects under the Public Works Programme and minor road improvement and maintenance works (e.g. maintenance of public roads, roadside slopes and trees, etc.) by district are listed below:

	District	No. of road works
Hong Kong	Central & Western	876
	Eastern	517
	Southern	592
	Wan Chai	794
Kowloon	Kowloon City	721
	Kwun Tong	938
	Sham Shui Po	1 084
	Wong Tai Sin	485
	Yau Tsim Mong	1 362

	District	No. of road works
New Territories	Islands	647
	Kwai Tsing	948
	North	953
	Sai Kung	934
	Sha Tin	1 289
	Tai Po	970
	Tsuen Wan	813
	Tuen Mun	964
	Yuen Long	1 563

(b) Among those road works requiring application of Excavation Permit (XP), the number of works involving temporary closure of footpath, footpath diversion or other temporary measures on footpath commenced by HyD in 2020 are set out in the table below.

	Districts	HyD's works involving temporary closure of footpath, footpath diversion or other temporary measures on footpath (nos.)
Hong Kong	Central & Western	824
	Eastern	968
	Southern	736
	Wan Chai	573
Kowloon	Kowloon City	499
	Kwun Tong	1 015
	Sham Shui Po	1 186
	Wong Tai Sin	331
	Yau Tsim Mong	972
New Territories	Islands	294
	Kwai Tsing	649
	North	857
	Sai Kung	426
	Sha Tin	1 023
	Tai Po	906
	Tsuen Wan	905
	Tuen Mun	980
	Yuen Long	812

Of the works mentioned in the table above, around 95 per cent of such works were completed within three days, while the shortest duration involved was one day and the longest was 332 days.

As for road works which do not require application of XP but involve temporary closure of footpath, footpath diversion or other temporary measures on footpath, as they are of minor scale and short duration, we do not have records of relevant figures.