

**CONTROLLING OFFICER'S REPLY**

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Question:

Unevenness on footpath surfaces are common owing to daily usage and impacts of weather, causing inconvenience to pedestrians and even posing potential safety concerns. In this connection, will the Government advise this Committee on the following:

- (1) Over the past 3 years, what were the numbers of reports or complaints regarding poor quality and conditions of footpath surfaces received by the Government? What were the manpower and expenditures involved in processing cases and conducting site inspections? Please list the relevant information in a table, categorised by the 18 Districts.
- (2) Over the past 3 years, what were the respective works items and programmes for footpath surface maintenance and reconstruction implemented by the Government? What were the relevant expenditure breakdowns and works progress? Please list the relevant information in a table, categorised by the 18 Districts.
- (3) Was science and technology adopted to effectively monitor the damage on footpath surfaces in the past? If yes, what are the details? If not, will the monitoring of footpath surfaces be optimised in the future?

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Reply:

- (1) The numbers of complaints received by the Highways Department (HyD) over the past 3 years (i.e. 2023-2025) regarding uneven footpath surfaces in various districts are as follows:

<b>District</b>	<b>2023</b>	<b>2024</b>	<b>2025</b>
Central & Western District	863	1659	1696
Eastern District	639	1034	814
Southern District	320	515	392

<b>District</b>	<b>2023</b>	<b>2024</b>	<b>2025</b>
Wan Chai District	469	675	491
Kowloon City District	258	415	549
Yau Tsim Mong District	1114	1299	1211
Sham Shui Po District	584	475	498
Wong Tai Sin District	158	217	116
Kwun Tong District	319	661	613
Tai Po District	252	259	223
Yuen Long District	699	702	535
Tuen Mun District	360	356	308
North District	374	482	404
Sai Kung District	221	200	179
Sha Tin District	387	542	470
Tsuen Wan District	504	663	537
Kwai Tsing District	334	365	315
Islands District	173	122	122

Upon receipt of complaints regarding uneven footpath surfaces, the HyD's road maintenance section in the corresponding district would deploy its personnel to conduct on-site inspections. The HyD would also assign contractors to carry out the necessary repair works according to the actual footpath surface conditions and provide a timely response to the complainants regarding the follow-up progress. Since these tasks are part of routine footpath maintenance work, the HyD does not maintain separate statistics on the manpower and expenditure involved in handling the cases of uneven footpath surfaces (including on-site inspections).

- (2) The HyD conducts regular inspections for footpaths under its ambit and arranges for appropriate repair works in a timely manner, with a view to ensuring the good conditions of footpaths being maintained. Since mid-2024, the HyD has progressively increased the frequency of routine inspections for footpaths under the road maintenance term contracts in various districts. The previous routine inspections (conducted every 1 to 3 months) and detailed inspections (conducted every 6 months) have been integrated into comprehensive inspections, with the frequency increased to once a month. Important footpaths (such as those within Pedestrian Scheme areas) are inspected every 7 days. If damage that may lead to safety problems of footpaths were identified during inspections, or complaints or reports regarding uneven footpath surfaces were received, the HyD would carry out assessments and take prompt and appropriate follow-up actions (such as fencing off the relevant road section, checking nearby footpath surfaces, carrying out repair works, etc.). The HyD would also conduct timely footpath repair and reconstruction works when necessary.

To enhance the safety and serviceability of public footpath network, the HyD has commenced footpath reconstruction works at an extended scale in a total of 80 footpath sections in various districts over the past 3 years. The total project expenditure is approximately \$90 million. The relevant project information is as follows:

<b>District</b>	<b>Footpath section</b>	<b>Works progress</b>
Central & Western District	Queensway/Justice Drive, Des Voeux Road West, Man Kwong Street	Completed
	Wing Lok Street between Des Voeux Road West and Bonham Strand, Queensway westbound between Tamar Street and Cotton Tree Drive	Underway
Eastern District	Shau Kei Wan Main Street East, Shau Kei Wan Road, Siu Sai Wan Road near Fu Yee Road, Tin Hau Temple Road	Completed
Southern District	Heung Yip Road, Yip Kan Street/Yip Hing Street/Nam Long Shan Road, Nam Fung Road, Pok Fu Lam Road near Pok Fu Lam Village	Completed
Wan Chai District	Lee Garden Road, Wong Nai Chung Road, Matheson Street between Russell Street and Sharp Street East, Gloucester Road and Hing Fat Street near Victoria Park	Completed
Kowloon City District	To Fuk Road, Bulkeley Street, Forfar Road, Tung Tsing Road	Completed
Yau Tsim Mong District	Salisbury Road/Kowloon Park Drive, Science Museum Road, Granville Road, Hamilton Street between Portland Street and Shanghai Street, Shanghai Street near Waterloo Road, Argyle Street between Luen Wan Street and Peace Avenue	Completed
Sham Shui Po District	Tonkin Street, Hing Wah Street, Lai Chi Kok Road near Exit A of MTR Mei Foo Station, Shun Ning Road between Wing Lung Street and Cheung Fat Street	Completed
Wong Tai Sin District	Wang Tau Hom South Road, Lung Cheung Road (near Temple Mall), Yuk Wah Street and Tsz Wan Shan Road northbound, Lung Cheung Road, Po Kong Village Road and Ying Fung Lane	Completed
Kwun Tong District	Lam Hing Street/Wang Kwun Road/Wang Chiu Road, Hing Tin Street, Yau Tong Road, Sheung Yuet Road between Centre Parc and Shui Hing Centre, Ngau Tau Kok Road between Luen On Street and Hong Ning Road, New Clear Water Bay Road	Completed
Tai Po District	Chong San Road, Fo Shing Road, Ma Wo Road and Ma Chung Road	Completed
	Chui Lok Street	Underway
Yuen Long District	Tin Tsz Road, Tin Shui Path, Town Park Road South, Town Park Road North	Completed
Tuen Mun District	Shek Pai Tau Road, Tsing Chung Koon Road, Tuen Lung Street, Yan Oi Tong Circuit, Tuen Yan Street, Wo Ping Path	Completed
North District	Lung Wan Street, Chi Cheong Road, Wah Ming Road, Po Kin Road between Ping Kong Road and Fan Kam Road	Completed
	Jockey Club Road between Tin Ping Road and Po Wan Road	Underway

<b>District</b>	<b>Footpath section</b>	<b>Works progress</b>
Sai Kung District	Kai King Road, Yuk Nga Lane, Hong Kong Velodrome, Yi Chun Street	Completed
Sha Tin District	Tsuen Nam Road, Sai Sha Road/Ning Tai Road, Yuen Wo Road, Sha Tin Tau Road near Che Kung Temple Sports Centre, Tai Wai Road near Grandway Garden	Completed
Tsuen Wan District	Hau Tei Square, Yuen Tun Circuit, Sha Tsui Road between Tso Kung Street and Moon Lok Dai Ha, Sam Pei Square	Completed
Kwai Tsing District	Wah Yuen Drive, Tsing Luk Street, Hing Shing Road, Nga Ying Chau Street	Completed
Islands District	Chung Shing Street, Tung Chung Waterfront Road	Completed
	Tat Tung Road	Underway

- (3) The HyD has been striving to use innovative technologies and digitise workflows in public road maintenance to enhance the efficiency of road maintenance. The HyD has gradually implemented the Road Maintenance Monitoring System (RMMS) since late 2022 to digitalise road (including footpath) inspection and supervision processes, enabling the HyD's personnel to manage road inspections and maintenance works carried out by its road maintenance contractors in a more efficient manner. The system was fully adopted across all road maintenance contracts in 2024. The HyD is now developing the second phase of the RMMS, which will incorporate additional monitoring and management functions, such as automatic alerts or warnings to contractors with unsatisfactory maintenance progress, digitalised checking procedures, etc., to further enhance the efficiency and effectiveness of road maintenance.

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