

**CONTROLLING OFFICER'S REPLY**

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Head: (60) Highways Department

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Programme: (2) District and Maintenance Works

Controlling Officer: Director of Highways (YAU Kwok-ting)

Director of Bureau: Secretary for Transport and Logistics

Question:

The provision for 2025-26 under this Programme is \$2,806.1 million, which is considerably higher than the revised provision for 2024-25 by 11.5%. According to the Controlling Officer's explanation, the change is mainly due to the increased provisions for highways maintenance and workshop services. In this connection, will the Government inform this Committee of:

(a) the details of highway maintenance and workshop services concerned; and

(b) the relevant provisions involved for 2024-25 and 2025-26?

Asked by: Hon LOONG Hon-biu, Louis (LegCo internal reference no.: 22)

Reply:

(a) Highway maintenance mainly involves maintenance works of the public roads and associated road facilities under the ambit of the Highways Department (HyD), including in particular:

- i) public roads: covering carriageways, expressways, footpaths, etc.;
- ii) highway structures: including bridges, tunnels, etc.;
- iii) road facilities: including street lighting, traffic signs, beam barriers, railings, traffic bollards, etc.; and
- iv) roadside slopes: relevant repair and maintenance works.

Workshop services mainly cover the scope of work stipulated in the "Service Level Agreement" made with the Electrical and Mechanical Services Trading Fund. They include:

- i) electrical and mechanical services: involving facilities such as footbridges, subways, elevators, escalators, etc.;
  - ii) maintenance works of facilities such as the electricity supply, air-conditioning, fire services of the large-scale bridges etc.: including the Shenzhen Bay Bridge, Hong-Kong-Zhuhai-Macao Bridge Main Bridge (Hong Kong Link Road) etc.; and
  - iii) vehicle maintenance: providing maintenance services for the vehicles of the HyD to keep them in good and safe conditions to meet operational needs.
- (b) The relevant provisions involved in 2024-25 and 2025-26 under the Programme of District and Maintenance Works are tabulated below:

	<b>2024-25 Revised Estimate (\$ million)</b>	<b>2025-26 Estimate (\$ million)</b>
Highway maintenance	1,393.1	1,601.0
Workshop services	212.3	243.4

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