

CONTROLLING OFFICER'S REPLY

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Head: (60) Highways Department
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Programme: (2) District and Maintenance Works
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Question:

The reply to Question (iii) mentioned that the Highways Department (HyD) did not define a proportion for the use of different new materials for 2026-27. In this connection, does the HyD have any statistics on the respective lengths and proportions of the roads paved with HMSMA6, HMSMA10, traditional bitumen and concrete since the adoption of “Highly Modified Stone Mastic Asphalt” (HMSMA) in April last year? What are the unit costs of HMSMA6, HMSMA10, traditional bitumen and concrete respectively?

Asked by: Hon LAM Wai-kong

Reply:

When planning the road maintenance works, the Highways Department (HyD) would determine the most appropriate road paving materials based on the characteristics of the road sections, taking into account various factors such as traffic flow, extent of wear and tear, speed limit, nearby environment, etc. From April 2025 to March 2026, the areas of road paved with HMSMA6, HMSMA10, traditional bitumen and concrete in road maintenance works by the HyD are approximately 31 000, 653 000, 683 000 and 16 000 square metres respectively. The corresponding proportions are approximately 2.2%, 47.2%, 49.4% and 1.2%.

The prices associated with road paving works in road maintenance contracts includes expenditures on materials, plant, wages, etc. As such, the HyD does not maintain relevant information on the cost breakdown of various road paving materials.

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