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Question:

Some members of the public reflected that bulky wastes, shrubs and grasses were occasionally seen on the road sections of West Kowloon Highway and Island Eastern Corridor which are not cleared timely and thus road safety is affected. The Government reserved $146 million for the purpose of "road cleanliness, streetscape enhancement and greening of shotcreted slopes". In this connection, please provide the breakdown of the expenditures of $146 million by service items, monthly average cleansing frequency of the highways and the numbers of cleansing contractors.

Asked by: Hon KONG Yuk-foon, Doreen (LegCo internal reference no.: 40)

Reply:

The respective estimated expenditures on road facilities cleanliness, streetscape enhancement and greening of shotcreted slopes reserved by the Highways Department (HyD) in 2024 are approximately $59.50 million, $85.60 million and $0.90 million.

According to the prevailing mechanism, the HyD engages four road maintenance contractors to carry out cleansing tasks regularly (including street sweeping and pick up litter) for all expressways once daily. The vegetation identified during inspections that may probably affect the users' views would be dealt with the same day. The contractors also carry out roadside vegetation maintenance on expressways at least once per six months. For other public road (except expressways), street sweeping and road cleansing are responsible by the Food and Environmental Hygiene Department. As for roadside vegetation maintenance, it is handled by various departments depending on the location, including the HyD, Lands Department, Leisure and Cultural Services Department and Agriculture, Fisheries and Conservation Department, etc.

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