

Examination of Estimates of Expenditure 2010-11

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**CONTROLLING OFFICER'S REPLY TO  
INITIAL WRITTEN QUESTION**

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Question :

For 2010-11, how much provision has been earmarked by the Government under the item "advertisement signboards removed/repaired"? On completion of the planned operation for "advertisement signboards removed/repaired" in 2009-10, how many advertisement signboards over the territory will still require the attention of the Government?

Asked by : Hon. CHEUNG Hok-ming

Reply :

For 2010-11, the Buildings Department (BD) has earmarked \$1.758 million to cover the anticipated cost for the removal of signboards to be carried out by its outsourced contractors. The monitoring and co-ordination work is undertaken by the existing staff of the BD and no additional manpower resources would be required.

We do not have statistics on the total number of advertisement signboards in the territory that will have to be removed/repaired. The BD will continue its enforcement action against unauthorised and abandoned signboards. We have raised our planned target for "advertisement signboards removed/repaired" in the regular annual action from 1 200 in last year to 2 400 in 2010.

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