

**Replies to supplementary questions raised by Finance Committee Members in  
examining the Estimates of Expenditure 2012-13**

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**CONTROLLING OFFICER'S REPLY TO  
SUPPLEMENTARY QUESTION**

**S-DEVB(W)03**

Question Serial No.

S033

Head: 33 Civil Engineering and Development Department      Subhead (No. & title):

Programme: (5) Greening and Technical Services

Controlling Officer: Director of Civil Engineering and Development

Director of Bureau: Secretary for Development

Question:

In the Special Meetings of the Finance Committee, Mrs Carrie Lam asked me which sections of the tram tracks are tram-only lanes and can be covered with grass, with reference to the experience of France. To follow up her question, I would like to quote the following places, such as Admiralty, North Point and Causeway Bay (not only these places indeed) have tram-only lanes (for tram use only). In this connection, would the government reply whether it is possible to have turves (such as the square pattern) over the tram-only lanes, serving as "Greening Great Wall" sleeping over the ground.

Asked by: Hon. WONG Kwok-hing

Reply:

Whilst the proposal to pave tram-only lanes with grass could improve the streetscape environment, it has implications on the tram services in terms of safety, operation and maintenance. The Administration is studying the feasibility of the proposal in consultation with the relevant parties.

Signature: \_\_\_\_\_

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Post Title: Director of Civil Engineering and Development

Date: 16 March 2012

**CONTROLLING OFFICER'S REPLY TO  
SUPPLEMENTARY QUESTION**

**S-DEVB(W)04**

Question Serial No.

S034

Head: 33 Civil Engineering and Development Department      Subhead (No. & title):

Programme: (5) Greening and Technical Services

Controlling Officer: Director of Civil Engineering and Development

Director of Bureau: Secretary for Development

Question:

It is a follow-up to the question raised in the Special Meetings of the Finance Committee, which asked the government whether the successful greening experience such as the Yeung Uk Road "Greening Great Wall" in Tsuen Wan would be implemented along the busy Gloucester Road. This will reduce the dust and noise, and further provide a greener environment among the busy roads.

Asked by: Hon. WONG Kwok-hing

Reply:

The vertical greening at Yeung Uk Road in Tsuen Wan forms part of a new design of the road improvement works. We will consider the long-term performance and cost-effectiveness of the project and apply the experience gained where appropriate in future designs at other locations.

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