

# KEY FINDING - ALARM SURVEY 2006

	England (excl London)	Wales	London
<b>Shortfall</b> in road structural budget (average per authority)	£1.64bn £14.3m	£151m £6.8m	£60m £1.8m
Percentage increase/decrease on 2005	74%	32%	- 44%
Percentage of required budget received	32%	38%	58%
Percentage of authorities that believe there is a <b>threat to road users' safety</b> due to road maintenance under-funding	85%	100%	78%
Increase in <b>claims by road users</b> against local authorities for damage to vehicles or road traffic accidents due to road structural conditions over the last 10 years	59%	109%	22%
<b>Amount paid</b> out last year in such claims Average per authority	£47.3m £412k	£5.3m £243k	£16m £485k
<b>Staff time</b> per year spent working on such claims Average number of days per authority	47k days 411 days	5,033 days 228 days	14.6k days 444 days
<b>Frequency of road surfacing</b> <sup>(1)</sup> (10-20 years recommended depending on the road type)	56 years	97 years	28 years
How long it would take to <b>clear maintenance backlog</b> given adequate funds	10.9 years	12.1 years	74 years
Increase in <b>need for structural maintenance</b> over past 10 years	40%	124%	36%
Increase in visual defects <sup>(2)</sup> over past ten years	65%	73%	37%
Percentage of budget used on reactive maintenance	24%	37%	31%
Total road structural maintenance budget Average per authority	£780.4m £6.7m	£92.2m £4.1m	£81.8m £2.5m
Percentage increase/decrease on 2005	24%	134%	- 3.5%