

ALARM Survey 2010

Key Findings – ALARM Survey 2010			
	England (ex London)	London	Wales
Shortfall in road structural budget	£666m	£50m	£86m
Average shortfall per authority	£5.6m	£1.5m	£3.9m
Percentage of required budget received	61%	68%	43%
Percentage of budget used on reactive maintenance	24%	28%	29%
Estimated time to clear the carriageway maintenance backlog ¹	11.5 years	8.6 years	14.9 years
Estimated one-time “catch-up” cost per authority	£63.5m	£35.6m	£33.8m
Frequency of road surfacing (all road classes)	58.4 years	34.2 years	91.8 years
Average percentage increase in the number of visual defects ² over the past 10 years	40%	21%	127%
Number of potholes filled over the last year	1.2m	121,299	92,664
Average number per authority	9,792	3,696	4,212
Average cost to fill one pothole	£78	£68	£46
Total spent filling potholes over last year	£90.9m	£8.3m	£4.3m
Percentage of authorities who believe there is a threat to road users’ safety due to road maintenance under-funding	89%	78%	87%
Amount paid in road user compensation claims	£16.7m	£5.6m	£6.7m
Staff time per year spent working on such claims	42,799 days	5,636 days	5,695 days
Average number of utility company trenches per authority during the year	16,727	10,786	8,718

¹ based on current budgets

² visual defects are defects which can be seen in the road structure and include cracking, deterioration, patching and potholes

Data in the ALARM Survey is based on information supplied to the Asphalt Industry Alliance by 73% of local authorities in England, 73% in Wales and 82% in London between December 2009 and February 2010.