

**CONTROLLING OFFICER'S REPLY**

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Head: (39) Drainage Services Department

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Programme: (1) Stormwater Drainage

Controlling Officer: Director of Drainage Services (TONG Ka Hung, Edwin)

Director of Bureau: Secretary for Development

Question:

Please advise this Committee:

1. as at end-December 2017, the respective completion rate and provision spent on the reconstruction and rehabilitation works at the Kai Tak Nullah;
2. in 2018-19, the details and anticipated completion dates of the expected major works as well as whether the works can be completed within the approved estimates;
3. in 2018-19, the progress of transforming the King Yip Street Nullah into the Tsui Ping River.

Asked by: Hon WU Chi-wai (Member Question No. (LegCo use): 140)

Reply:

*According to Rule 49 of the Finance Committee Procedures, special meetings of the Finance Committee are convened to examine the annual Estimates of Expenditure prepared by the Government in support of the Appropriation Bill.*

*Expenditure charged to the Capital Works Reserve Fund does **not** form part of the Appropriation Bill. As such, questions relating to expenditure under the Fund are **not** relevant to the examination of the Estimates of Expenditure or the Appropriation Bill.*

1. The reconstruction and rehabilitation works along the Kai Tak Nullah are being implemented in stages by the Civil Engineering and Development Department (CEDD) and the Drainage Services Department (DSD) under four packages. The progress and cumulative expenditure of the improvement works under each package are as follows:
  - Advance works for improvement of the Kai Tak Nullah, comprising the construction of a box culvert at Prince Edward Road East and the widening of a section of Choi Hung Road, were substantially completed in January 2014. The cumulative expenditure up to the end of December 2017 was \$138.28 million.
  - About 92% of the improvement works to the upstream reaches of the Kai Tak Nullah from Po Kong Village Road to Tung Kwong Road were completed by the end of December 2017. The cumulative expenditure up to the end of December 2017 was about \$861.77 million.

- The improvement works to the midstream reaches of the Kai Tak Nullah from Tung Kwong Road to Prince Edward Road East were substantially completed in November 2017. The cumulative expenditure up to the end of December 2017 was about \$378.80 million.
  - The improvement works to the downstream reaches of the Kai Tak Nullah at the downstream reaches within the Kai Tak Development Area are being undertaken by CEDD. About 90% of the works were completed by the end of December 2017. The cumulative expenditure up to the end of December 2017 is about \$1,651 million.
2. For the Kai Tak Nullah project, the remaining works mainly concern the upstream and downstream reaches. Those concerning the upstream reaches, which mainly involve landscaping works and the reconstruction of a section of Choi Hung Road, are anticipated to be completed before the end of 2018. Those concerning the downstream reaches, which involve external works and green roofs for desilting compounds, rock works for open channels and landscaping works, are anticipated to be completed by the second quarter of 2018. The projects could be completed within the approved project estimates.
  3. Detailed design work for the Tsui Ping River project is in progress. DSD aims to conduct second-stage public engagement in 2018.

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