

CONTROLLING OFFICER'S REPLY

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Head: (39) Drainage Services Department

Subhead (No. & title): (603) Plant, vehicles and equipment

Programme: Not specified

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

Director of Bureau: Secretary for the Environment

Question:

In the coming financial year, what are the estimated expenditure and works programme of the new item "Replacement of control system for main pumps at Tseung Kwan O Pumping Station"? Why is the funding sought in the context of the Appropriation Bill 2018, instead of independently from the Finance Committee of the Legislative Council?

Asked by: Hon CHEUNG Chiu-hung, Fernando (Member Question No. (LegCo use): 1116)

Reply:

In 2018-19, the estimated expenditure for the new item "Replacement of control system for main pumps at Tseung Kwan O Pumping Station" is \$100,000 and the works are expected to be completed in three years. The existing control system has been operating for over 18 years, but the manufacturer no longer produces such model and related spare parts; therefore, continued repair and maintenance is not feasible and this would affect the overall performance of the pumping station. The item is for replacement of the high voltage variable frequency converters and relevant electronic control devices of the three main pumps in the pumping station, which falls within the ambit of Subhead 603 "Plant, vehicles and equipment". It is not a new arrangement for expenditure funding proposals, including proposals for creating and increasing the expenditure ceiling for commitment items, under the General Revenue Account to be included in the draft Estimates for approval by the Legislative Council in the context of the Appropriation Bill. The Government explained the relevant arrangements to the Finance Committee in early 2015. The Drainage Services Department has also specified the necessary provision for the proposal under the relevant head and subhead of expenditure for members' consideration.

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