

CONTROLLING OFFICER'S REPLY

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Head: (39) Drainage Services Department

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Programme: (2) Sewage Services

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

Director of Bureau: Secretary for the Environment

Question:

It is stated under Matters Requiring Special Attention in 2018-19 that the Drainage Services Department will commence construction works for rehabilitation of trunk sewers in Sha Tin and Sai Kung. What are the details of the anticipated projects and works programme? Besides, what is the expenditure involved?

Asked by: Hon QUAT Elizabeth (Member Question No. (LegCo use): 13)

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.

The rehabilitation of trunk sewers in Sha Tin and Sai Kung is part of 393DS of public works, which was commenced in January 2018 and is anticipated to be completed in the first quarter of 2022. The estimated expenditure is \$678.5 million while that for 2018-19 is \$34 million.

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