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Question:

Apart from the joint regulation of the Shenzhen River by Shenzhen and Hong Kong, what other works of the Drainage Services Department require cross-boundary infrastructure cooperation? Is there any specific guidance or cooperation memorandum on those works for mutual understanding on the costs of works shared by the Governments in two places? What are the specific details?

Asked by: Hon WONG Pik-wan, Helena (Member Question No. (LegCo use): 68)

Reply:

Other than the joint regulation of the Shenzhen River by Shenzhen and Hong Kong (including the completed Stages I, II and III, as well as Stage IV whose main works have been substantially completed), the Drainage Services Department and the Shenzhen Municipal Government do not have any other cross-boundary drainage infrastructure cooperation project. In September 1992, the Hong Kong Special Administrative Region Government and the Shenzhen Municipal Government established a joint working group to oversee matters relating to the implementation of the Shenzhen River Regulation Project. In January 2011, the joint working group reached an agreement whereby the Governments of the two places shall equally share the costs of works of the Project in line with the arrangement for Stages I, II and III of the Project. Such an equal cost-sharing arrangement is also adopted for Stage IV of the Project. Besides, the Governments of the two places signed the agreement on the river training works, specifying the equal cost-sharing arrangement.

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