

Examination of Estimates of Expenditure 2007-08
**CONTROLLING OFFICER'S REPLY TO
INITIAL WRITTEN QUESTION**

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Head : 39 – Drainage Services Department

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Question : As far as the indicator for the value of contracts under construction is concerned, the estimate for 2007 is \$3,662 million, which is \$1,347 million lower than the actual value of \$5,009 million for 2006, representing a reduction of 27%. Please tell the Council the reasons for the substantial reduction in value.

Asked by : Hon. CHAN Wai-yip, Albert

Reply :

The reduction in the 2007 construction value is mainly because the Drainage Services Department has substantially completed the construction works of a number of major sewerage projects in 2006. Details of some of these projects, and the amounts by which the total value of contracts has been reduced as a result, are provided below:

Item No.	Project Name	Amount (\$ million)
4276DS (part)	Sha Tin sewage treatment works, stage 3 extension	922
4333DS	Central, Western and Wan Chai West sewerage, stage 2 phase 2A works	254
4330DS (part)	North District sewerage, stage 1 phases 1B and 2A	72
Total		1,248

Signature _____

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