

Examination of Estimates of Expenditure 2007-08
**CONTROLLING OFFICER'S REPLY TO
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Head : 39 – Drainage Services Department

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Programme : (2) Sewage Services

Controlling Officer : Director of Drainage Services

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Question : The value of projects under detailed design for 2006 in this programme area is \$9,301.5 million, which represents a substantial increase of 59% over the value of \$5,846.5 million for 2005. What are the reasons? What are the projects and their expenditures involved?

Asked by : Hon. LI Kwok-ying

Reply :

In 2006, the Drainage Services Department started design work for a number of new sewerage projects, including the investigation and reference design for the tunnel conveyance system of the Harbour Area Treatment Scheme, stage 2A with the construction works estimated to cost about \$3.6 billion. This mainly accounts for the difference in the projects value between 2005 and 2006.

Signature _____

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Date _____ 15 March 2007