

Examination of Estimates of Expenditure 2007-08  
**CONTROLLING OFFICER'S REPLY TO**  
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Question : Please inform the Council of the progress of the upgrading works of Shek Wu Hui Sewage Treatment Works, Tai Po Sewage Treatment Works Stage 5 Extension and Shatin Sewage Treatment Works Stage 3 Extension. When will the various projects be expected to complete? Will acceleration of the projects be considered? If yes, what measures will be taken? What will be the manpower and resource input for 2006-07 and 2007-08?

Asked by : Hon. LI Kwok-ying

Reply :

The progress of the three sewage treatment works projects is as follows:

- (a) Shek Wu Hui Sewage Treatment Works Upgrading  
About 49% of the civil works has been completed. We plan to complete most of the civil works in early 2008 and proceed to electrical and mechanical equipment installation so that the project could be completed by February 2009. The estimated expenditure under this project in 2006-07 and 2007-08 are \$28M and \$38M respectively, with an estimated manpower input of about 150 man-months for in-house professional and technical supervision each.
- (b) Tai Po Sewage Treatment Works Stage 5 Extension  
The project is being implemented in three phases, namely, Phase 1, Phase 2A and Phase 2B. Phase 1 extension commenced in May 2005 for completion in September 2009, with about 36% of the works completed. Phase 2A and Phase 2B will commence construction in February 2008 and end 2009 for completion in March 2010 and end 2013 respectively. The estimated expenditure in 2006-07 and 2007-08 are \$90M and \$72M respectively, with an estimated manpower input of about 290 man-months for in-house professional and technical supervision each.
- (c) Shatin Sewage Treatment Works Stage 3 Extension  
We have completed over 83% of the works and most of the new facilities including sludge dewatering and digester facilities have been put into operation. With the completion of these new facilities, we are proceeding to retrofit the existing sewage treatment units with a view to completing the whole project by August 2010. The estimated expenditure in 2006-07 and 2007-08 are \$92M and \$58M respectively. The estimated manpower input in 2006-07 and 2007-08 for in-house professional and technical supervision are about 240 man-months and 190 man-months respectively.

At present, the capacity of the above three Sewage Treatment Works is adequate to meet the population built-up in their respective areas. The progress of works is overall satisfactory and there is limited room for further accelerating the project programme. Nonetheless, we will continue to monitor the development closely, and if necessary, take appropriate measures to expedite.

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