

**CONTROLLING OFFICER'S REPLY TO
INITIAL WRITTEN QUESTION**

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Head: 39 – Drainage Services Department Subhead (No. & title):

Programme: (1) Stormwater Drainage

Controlling Officer: Director of Drainage Services

Director of Bureau: Secretary for Development

Question: The value of contracts under construction for the estimate of 2008 is \$7,299.1 million, which represents an increase of \$3,943.2 million over the actual value of \$3,355.9 million for 2007. The increase is 118%. Please inform this Council the reasons for the substantial increase in such expenditure.

Asked by: Hon. CHAN Wai-yip, Albert

Reply: The increase in the total value of contracts under construction in 2008 over 2007 is mainly due to the commencement of construction works for a number of large-scale projects in 2008. These projects include:

- (a) PWP Item 4092CD – Yuen Long, Kam Tin, Ngau Tam Mei and Tin Shui Wai drainage improvements, stage 1 phase 2B – remaining works. The approved project estimate is \$202.4 million.
- (b) PWP Item 4103CD – Drainage improvement in Northern Hong Kong Island – Hong Kong West drainage tunnel. The approved project estimate is \$3,044.7 million.
- (c) PWP Item 4111CD – Drainage improvements in Tsuen Wan, Kwai Chung and Tsing Yi – Tsuen Wan drainage tunnel. The approved project estimate is \$1,259.5 million.

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