

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

Head: 39 – Drainage Services Department      Subhead:

Programme: (2) Sewage Services

Controlling Officer: Director of Drainage Services

Director of Bureau: Secretary for the Environment

Question: Are there any assessment of the depreciation rate of sewers and any plan to contract out the related repair and maintenance works? If yes, please provide the details.

Asked by: Hon. CHEUNG Yu-yan, Tommy

Reply:

The depreciation rate of sewers is taken as 2.5% per annum based on an estimated average useful life of 40 years. The Department has outsourced the sewer repair and maintenance works to contractors. The cost of the outsourced works in both 2006-07 and 2007-08 was about \$102 million per annum.

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Post Title Director of Drainage Services

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