

**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: With regard to the works of the Harbour Area Treatment Scheme (HATS), please advise:

- (a) the expected completion date of HATS Stage 2A;
- (b) on completion of the Stage 2A works, whether the water quality of Victoria Harbour will be fit for recreational purposes; and
- (c) whether the Government is set to proceed with the construction of Stage 2B? If yes, what are the details? If not, what is the reason?

Asked by: Hon. LEE Chu-ming, Martin

Reply:

- (a) We plan to complete HATS Stage 2A in 2014.
- (b) On completion, HATS Stage 2A will result in improved water quality of Victoria Harbour to a state fit for recreational purposes.
- (c) The Government is committed to implementing HATS Stage 2B to provide biological treatment in order to sustain the benefits of HATS Stage 2A. The timing of the implementation of Stage 2B depends on the completion of the necessary statutory land rezoning exercise (targeted for 2010) and a review of population growth, sewage flow build-up and harbour water quality trend to be conducted in 2010-11.

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