

CONTROLLING OFFICER'S REPLY TO INITIAL WRITTEN QUESTION

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

Programme: (1) Stormwater Drainage

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- Question:
1. During the wet seasons of 2007 and 2008, how many complaints on flooding due to blocked drains or inadequate drainage did the Administration receive? Please tabulate the figures according to district and year.
 2. The wet season is coming, so what measures will the Administration take to reduce the risks of flooding in areas susceptible to flooding in the New Territories and Outlying Islands?
 3. How many capital projects are expected to be under construction in 2009? How many of those under construction are in the rural areas of the New Territories?

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- Reply:
1. The flooding complaints due to blocked drains or inadequate drainage received by the Department in 2007 and 2008 are summarized below:

District Year	Hong Kong Island				Kowloon					Islands	New Territories							
	C&W	WC	E	S	YTM	KC	WTS	SSP	KT	Is	N	TP	TM	YL	K&T	SK	ST	TW
2007	2	0	0	1	3	0	0	1	0	0	2	0	1	5	0	2	1	0
2008	44	34	28	21	125	54	26	28	35	12	37	54	28	49	14	23	28	9

Note: C&W-Central & Western, WC-Wanchai, E-Eastern, S-Southern, YTM-Yau Tsim Mong, KC-Kowloon City, WTS-Wong Tai Sin, SSP-Sham Shui Po, KT-Kwun Tong, Is-Islands, N-North, TP-Tai Po, TM-Tuen Mun, YL-Yuen Long, K&T-Kwai Tsing, SK-Sai Kung, ST-Shatin, TW-Tsuen Wan

2. The Department is making steady progress in implementing drainage improvement projects to reduce flooding risk in the New Territories and Outlying Islands. The Department also regularly maintains the existing drainage systems. Before the onset and during the wet season, all drains in flood prone areas are inspected and cleared to ensure proper functioning. When Red Rainstorm Warning is issued or Tropical Cyclone No. 8 is hoisted, the Department will immediately activate the "Emergency Control Centre" to monitor the flooding situation, direct flood relief efforts and closely co-ordinate with other relevant government departments to deal with urgent situations.
3. A total of 26 stormwater drainage projects will be under construction in 2009. Out of these 26 projects, 13 projects are located in the rural areas of the New Territories.

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