

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

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Programme: (1) Stormwater Drainage

Controlling Officer: Director of Drainage Services

Director of Bureau: Secretary for Development

Question: Matters Requiring Special Attention in 2009–10 mentions that the Department will develop a strategy for the improvement of the Yuen Long Town nullah to enhance the local environmental quality and the ecological value of the nullahs. Please explain:

- (a) the details of the strategy for 2009-10, including the schedule for involvement by the public;
- (b) commencement date and completion date for the improvement works of the Yuen Long Town nullah;
- (c) what is the estimated expenditure and manpower for this project for 2009-10?

Asked by: Hon. WONG Kwok-hing

- Reply:
- (a) The Government has employed consultants to develop a strategy for improving the Yuen Long Town nullah. The strategy is being finalised taking into account the views collected from the public consultation and discussion forums in late 2008. We plan to proceed with the detailed design in 2009-10. Public consultation will be carried out in the course of detailed design.
  - (b) The proposed improvement works are currently planned to commence in 2013 for completion in 2016. The Government is exploring options to advance the programme.
  - (c) The estimated expenditure for 2009-10 is \$1.15 million for the consultancy study for developing the strategy. The in-house staff involvement is nominal.

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