

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

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Head : 39 – Drainage Services Department

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Programme : (1) Stormwater Drainage

Controlling Officer : Director of Drainage Services

Director of Bureau : Secretary for Development

Question : With regard to the construction of three drainage tunnels on Hong Kong Island, in Tsuen Wan and Lai Chi Kok, please advise the Committee of the progress of work and cost involved for last year (i.e. 2009), and their scheduled completion dates.

Asked by : Hon. KAM Nai-wai

Reply : The details are given below:

Hong Kong West Drainage Tunnel

Tunnelling works started in early 2009 with more than 25% of the 11 km tunnel excavated. The expenditure incurred in 2009 was about \$890 million and the project is expected to be completed in early 2012.

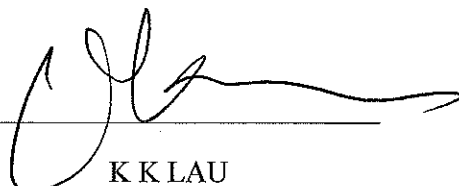
Tsuen Wan Drainage Tunnel

The preparatory works for tunnel excavation are near completion and excavation of the 5 km tunnel is planned to start in April 2010. The expenditure incurred in 2009 was about \$135 million and the project is expected to be completed in mid 2012.

Lai Chi Kok Drainage Tunnel

The preparatory works for tunnel excavation have just been completed and excavation of the 3.7 km tunnel is planned to start by end of March 2010. The expenditure incurred in 2009 was about \$255 million and the project is expected to be completed in mid 2012.

Signature



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Date

18 March 2010