

Examination of Estimates of Expenditure 2010-11
**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 : With regard to Programme (1), please provide the following information:

- (a) please advise the distribution and effectiveness of the flood control installations in use, and whether they are value-for-money?
- (b) regarding the estimated expenditure for it in 2010-11, please advise if it is only for purchase and installation of the concerned facilities? If yes, please give the number of installations to be purchased and their locations. If not, please give the number of installations to be purchased, the locations and funding involved, as well as the use of the remaining balance, e.g. whether it will be used for maintenance of existing flood control installations.

Asked by : Hon. CHEUNG Hok-ming

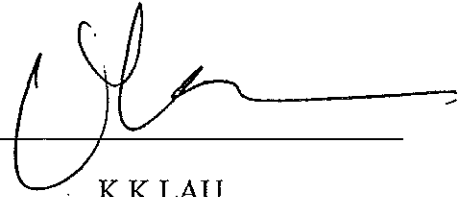
Reply : (a) There are 121 flood control installations in use with details as follows:

Location	Hydrological Gauging Station	Flood Siren	Flood Pumping Station	Collapsible Dam	Flood Storage Tank	Total
HK Island & Kowloon	9		1		1	11
New Territories	67	4	29	10		110
Total	76	4	30	10	1	121

The flood pumping stations, flood storage tank and collapsible dams are essential for regulating floodwater flow to protect lowlying villages / areas. The flood sirens are set up to provide flood warnings to local villagers until completion of flood protection measures to address the flooding problems. The hydrological gauging stations provide necessary data for operating the other flood control installations. The installations are considered necessary and cost effective to achieve the respective flood control purposes.

- (b) The estimated expenditure for 2010-11 in this Programme only covers the recurrent expenditures for the operation and maintenance of the flood control installations. Two new flood pumping stations in Tai Po and one new gauging station in Yuen Long will be installed and put into operation in 2010-11. The total estimated capital cost of these three installations is \$23 million with funding sourced from the Capital Works Reserve Fund.

Signature



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