

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

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Head : 39 – Drainage Services Department

Subhead :

Programme : (1) Stormwater Drainage

Controlling Officer : Director of Drainage Services

Director of Bureau : Secretary for Development

Question : With regard to Matters Requiring Special Attention in 2010-11 under Programme (1), the Department will take forward the preliminary design of the improvement work for the Yuen Long Town centre nullah. Please advise:

- (a) Progress on the design work for 2010-11, especially details on consultation, cost and expenditure involved for the design work.
- (b) In view of the chronic pollution problem caused by illegal connections upstream, will the Administration implement improvement works first before commencement of the beautification works, e.g. works on minimizing illegal connections to the nullah, increasing the flow, deodourization and removal of pollutants? If yes, what are the details? If no, what are the reasons?

Asked by : Hon. WONG Kwok-hing

- Reply :
- (a) We plan to start the investigation study and preliminary design of the improvement works for the Yuen Long Town centre nullah in late 2010 for completion by 2012 at an estimated cost of about \$13 million. Consultation with the stakeholders would take place during the course of the study and design process.
  - (b) In order to improve water quality, we plan to intercept the polluted discharge at the nullah and convey treated wastewater from Yuen Long sewage treatment works to the nullah as alternative water source during dry seasons. These improvement measures would be further examined during the study and design stage of this project.

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