

**CONTROLLING OFFICER'S REPLY TO
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Programme : (2) Sewage Services

Controlling Officer : Director of Drainage Services

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Question : The Government proposed to put in an additional \$7.9 billion for the remaining works of the Harbour Area Treatment Scheme stage 2A project. What are the details for the project (including: construction schedule, actual annual estimated expenditure, posts created by the project for the grass-root labourer and middle-class)?

Asked by : Hon. LEUNG Mei-fun, Priscilla

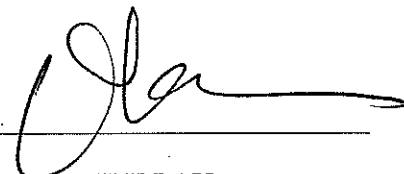
Reply : The remaining works of the Harbour Area Treatment Scheme stage 2A (HATS stage 2A) constitute the scope of the works under 4341DS with an approved project estimate of \$7,913.4 million in money-of-the-day (MOD) prices, the funding application of which was endorsed by the Public Works Subcommittee in February 2010 and will be submitted to Finance Committee (FC) for consideration in April 2010.

The remaining works mainly involve the upgrading of eight preliminary treatment works on Hong Kong Island along the route of the sewage conveyance system, and the construction of a new main pumping station, additional treatment facilities and associated works, new disinfection facilities, and upgrading of sludge treatment and transportation facilities at the Stonecutters Island sewage treatment works. Subject to FC's funding approval, we will commence construction of the works in mid 2010 for commissioning HATS stage 2A in December 2014. The project expenditure will be phased over a period of eight years as follows:

Year	2010-11	2011-12	2012-13	2013-14	2014-15	2015-16	2016-17	2017-18
Expenditure (\$ million)	550.0	865.7	1,253.1	1,672.5	1,172.0	1,083.9	782.8	533.4

We estimate that the proposed works will create about 1 455 jobs (1 180 for labourer and 275 for professional/technical staff) providing a total employment of about 59 600 man-months.

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Date

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