

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

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Head: 704 - Drainage Subhead (No. & title): 4276DS - Sha Tin sewage treatment works, stage 3 extension

Programme:

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Question:

The approved project estimate for "Sha Tin sewage treatment works, stage 3 extension" is \$2,425 million, whereas the actual expenditure is only around \$1,918 million up to 31 March 2012. Of the remaining provision of around \$506 million, the revised estimate for 2012-13 is only around \$16 million and the estimate for 2013-14 is \$31 million.

What is the timetable for drawing down the remaining provision? How can the progress of works be expedited so as to serve the public? Will the Administration set out in detail the distribution of resources allocated for this project? If not, what are the reasons?

Asked by: Hon. QUAT, Elizabeth

Reply:

The treatment facilities constructed under 4276DS "Sha Tin sewage treatment works, stage 3 extension" commenced in February 2001 and were progressively put into operation starting from 2004 and all the construction works were substantially completed in April 2012.

Out of the approved project estimate of \$2,425 million, the cumulative project expenditure up to 31 March 2013 would be about \$1,935 million. The anticipated expenditures in 2013-14 and 2014-15 are \$31.3 million and \$21.5 million respectively which are to be used for contracts finalization. We expect that the project account will be finalized in March 2015.

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