

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

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Head: 704 – Drainage Subhead (No. & title): 4136CD – Drainage improvement works in Sha Tin

Programme:

Controlling Officer: Director of Drainage Services

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Question:

The approved project estimate for “Drainage improvement works in Sha Tin” is \$82.2 million, whereas the actual expenditure is only around \$68 million up to 31 March 2012. Of the remaining provision of around \$13 million, the revised estimate for 2012-13 is only \$1 million and the estimate for 2013-14 is \$1 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 as early as possible? 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:

Works under 4136CD “Drainage improvement works in Sha Tin” commenced in March 2005 and were substantially completed under Contract No. DC/2004/05 in April 2009. The remaining works at Siu Lek Yuen Road Playground and Sha Tin Rural Committee Road were carried out under Contract No. DC/2009/22 and were completed in August 2012.

Out of the approved project estimate of \$82.2 million, the cumulative project expenditure up to 31 March 2013 is about \$70 million. The estimated expenditure in 2013-14 is about \$1 million. We expect that the remaining \$11 million for account finalization will be spent in 2014-15 upon completion of the assessment of various contractual claims and variations.

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