

**CONTROLLING OFFICER'S REPLY TO
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Head: 39 - Drainage Services DepartmentSubhead (No. & title):Programme: (2) Sewage ServicesControlling Officer: Director of Drainage ServicesDirector of Bureau: Secretary for the EnvironmentQuestion:

It is mentioned that the *Aim* is 'to investigate, plan, design and construct sewer systems and sewage treatment and disposal facilities; to set and ensure compliance with sewerage standards; to undertake effective operation and maintenance of sewer systems and sewage treatment works and to implement effectively the sewage services charging scheme in accordance with the Sewage Services Ordinance (Cap. 463).' In this connection, will the Administration provide this Committee with a breakdown by districts of the volume of sewage collected and treated, the overall expenditure and manpower involved, as well as the unit cost each year, over the past 5 years (i.e. from 2008-09 to 2012-13) and as estimated for the coming 2 years (i.e. from 2013-14 onwards) in Hong Kong.

Asked by: Hon. FUNG Kin-kee, FrederickReply:

The annual volume of sewage collected and treated by Drainage Services Department over the past 5 years and estimation for the coming 2 years are summarized below:

Region Year	Hong Kong and Outlying Islands (million m³)	Kowloon (million m³)	New Territories (million m³)	Total (million m³)
2008	248	466	276	990
2009	254	456	268	978
2010	260	454	264	978
2011	266	451	262	979
2012	276	460	271	1,007
2013 Estimate	282	470	278	1,030
2014 Estimate	288	479	284	1,051

The overall annual operation and maintenance expenditure and manpower involved in sewage collected and treated over the past 5 financial years and estimation for the coming 2 years are summarized below:

Year	2008-09	2009-10	2010-11	2011-12	2012-13 Estimate	2013-14 Estimate	2014-15 Estimate
Operation and Maintenance Expenditure (\$ million)	1,035.1	1,109.4	1,172.4	1,203.5	1,250.2	1,292.7	1,336.7
Manpower (number of staff)	926	941	919	936	944	951	957
Unit Cost (\$ per m ³)	1.04	1.13	1.20	1.23	1.23	1.25	1.26

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