

**CONTROLLING OFFICER'S REPLY TO  
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Question:

It is mentioned under *Matters Requiring Special Attention in 2013-14* that '(the Department will) continue with the construction of the sewage conveyance system and the sewage treatment plant upgrading works under the Harbour Area Treatment Scheme Stage 2A.' In this connection, will the Administration inform this Committee of the latest progress of the Harbour Area Treatment Scheme Stage 2A (HATS Stage 2A); and whether HATS Stage 2A will commence operation in late 2014 as scheduled to improve the water quality of Victoria Harbour?

Asked by: Hon. FUNG Kin-kee, Frederick

Reply:

Construction of the sewage conveyance system under HATS Stage 2A commenced in July 2009 and is now in full swing. The production shafts have been completed and the main tunnel construction has been progressing well since May 2011. As for upgrading of the 8 Preliminary Treatment Works on Hong Kong Island and that of treatment facilities at Stonecutters Island Sewage Treatment Works (SCISTW), all main contracts have been awarded and are progressing satisfactorily. The advance disinfection facilities have been in operation since March 2010 to remove 99% of E. Coli. from the effluent before discharging into Victoria Harbour. The covers and deodourisation facilities for all the existing sewage treatment tanks at SCISTW to abate odour nuisance were installed and put into operation since July 2012. Our programme is to complete the main construction works for commissioning HATS Stage 2A by end 2014, bringing further improvements to the water quality of Victoria Harbour.

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