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works, stage 3 extension

Programme:

<u>Controlling Officer:</u> Director of Drainage Services

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Question:

The Sha Tin sewage treatment works (STSTW), stage 3 extension is marked as 'completed' on the website of Drainage Services Department. Please advise on the use of the \$500 million that remained. What is the life span of the STSTW upon completion of the stage 3 extension?

Asked by: Hon. FAN Kwok-wai, Gary

Reply:

The Sha Tin sewage treatment works (STSTW), first commissioned in 1982, have undergone several stages of extension to meet the continuous population growth in Sha Tin. Works under 4276DS "STSTW stage 3 extension" were completed in phases starting 2004 and were substantially completed in April 2012. All sewage treatment facilities have been put into operation. The design lives of the civil/building works and electrical and mechanical equipment are 50 years and 15 years respectively.

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 would be used for contract finalization. Subject to finalization of the project account in March 2015, we expect that there would be a project saving of about \$430 million.

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