

CONTROLLING OFFICER'S REPLY**DEVB(W)102****(Question Serial No. 2260)**

Head: (704) Capital Works Reserve Fund: Drainage

Subhead(No. & title): (4407DS) Relocation of Sha Tin sewage treatment works to caverns – consultants' fees and investigation

Programme: Not Specified

Controlling Officer: Director of Drainage Services(CHUNG KumWah, Daniel)

Director of Bureau: Secretary for Development

Question(Member Question No. 48):

Regarding Subhead 4407DS "Relocation of Sha Tin sewage treatment works to caverns – consultants' fees and investigation", please advise on:

1. the works involved for the expenditure incurred in 2013-14; and
2. the works involved for the expenditure incurred in 2014-15.

Asked by: Hon. FAN Kwok-wai, Gary

Reply:

We commenced a detailed feasibility study on the relocation of Sha Tin sewage treatment works (STSTW) in May 2012, funded under Subhead No. 4379DS. The main tasks of the feasibility study were completed in end 2013, and the results showed that the STSTW relocation proposal is technically feasible and financially viable. We completed a two-stage public engagement exercise under the feasibility study in October 2013 and the public generally supported the proposal. As such, we propose employing consultants to carry out an investigation and design (I&D) study and more detailed site investigation works for the relocation project to be funded under Subhead No. 4407DS.

Subject to funding approval of the Finance Committee, we plan to commence I&D study in the second half of 2014 for completion in stages by end 2022. Hence, there was no expenditure incurred under Subhead No. 4407DS in 2013-14 as the funding is yet to be approved. The estimated expenditure reserved in 2014-15 under this Subhead is for payments to the consultants and contractors for carrying out the study and the associated site investigation works. The scope of 4407DS comprises –

- (a) preliminary and detailed design for the relocation project;
- (b) detailed impact assessments on relevant aspects;
- (c) public engagement and consultation exercises with relevant stakeholders;

- (d) more detailed site investigation works and supervision; and
- (e) preparation of tender documents.