

**CONTROLLING OFFICER'S REPLY****DEVB(W)104****(Question Serial No. 2956)**

Head: (704) Capital Works Reserve Fund: Drainage

Subhead (No. & title): (4407DS) Relocation of Sha Tin sewage treatment works to caverns

Programme: Not Specified

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

Director of Bureau: Secretary for Development

Question (Member Question No. 44):

Regarding Subhead 4407DS “Relocation of Sha Tin sewage treatment works to caverns—consultants’ fees and investigation” under “Environment—Environmental Protection—Sewerage and sewage treatment”, the project at a rough order of cost of \$644 million is forecast to start in the third quarter of the 2014–15 financial year, with an estimated expenditure of \$8.48 million in 2014–15.

What is the timetable for the works involved? Will the Administration set out in detail the allocation of resources for various facilities involved in this project? If not, what are the reasons?

Asked by: Hon QUAT, Elizabeth

Reply:

Subject to funding approval of the Finance Committee, we plan to commence the consultancy study on investigation and design for relocation of the Sha Tin sewage treatment works (STSTW) to caverns in the second half of 2014 for completion in stages by end 2022.

The latest estimated cost of the investigation and design study and the associated site investigation works is about \$637.7 million in money-of-the-day (MOD) prices, broken down as follows:

	<b>\$ million</b>
(a) Consultants’ fees for preliminary and detailed design, detailed impact assessments, public engagement and consultation exercises, preparation of tender documents etc.	194.2

		<b>\$ million</b>	
(b)	Remuneration of resident site staff for site investigation works	17.8	
(c)	Site investigation works	248.0	
(d)	Contingencies	<u>46.0</u>	
	Sub-total	506.0	(in September 2013 prices)
(e)	Provision for price adjustment	<u>131.7</u>	
	Total	<u>637.7</u>	(in MOD prices)