

CONTROLLING OFFICER'S REPLY**DEVB(W)233****(Question Serial No. 3736)**

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

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Question (Member Question No. 332):

1. What is the progress of construction of the Happy Valley Underground Stormwater Storage Scheme? What is the Drainage Services Department's anticipated percentage of completion of the project this year? Are the works progressing according to schedule?
2. Any complaints (e.g. traffic congestion, noise, etc.) in relation to, or arising from the above project received since the commencement of this project? Please provide the number, details and follow up work of these complaints.
3. The Happy Valley Racecourse is now one of the selected sites for the "Pilot study on underground space development in selected strategic urban areas". In this regard, has the Department assessed whether the underground space development at the Happy Valley Racecourse would affect the structure, operation and construction progress of the underground storage tank? Please provide details.

Asked by: Hon. CHAN Ka-lok, Kenneth

Reply:

1. The main contract for construction of the Happy Valley Underground Stormwater Storage Scheme commenced in September 2012. The Drainage Services Department anticipates that about 45% of the works will be completed by end 2014. The works progress is on schedule.
2. One complaint was received since the commencement of the main contract. It was about dark smoke emitted from two generators within the site in Happy Valley Recreation Ground. The two generators were subsequently replaced by the contractor and no further complaint has been received since then.
3. The consultants of the "Pilot study on underground space development" will be required to take into account the Happy Valley Underground Stormwater Storage Scheme in relation to its construction progress, structural safety and operation in carrying out their study and formulating a master plan for underground space development for the area.