

**CONTROLLING OFFICER'S REPLY**

**ENB371**

**(Question Serial No. 1131)**

Head: (704) Capital Works Reserve Fund: Drainage  
Subhead (No. & title): (-) Not Specified  
Programme: Not Specified  
Controlling Officer: Director of Drainage Services (CHUNG Kum-wah, Daniel)  
Director of Bureau: Secretary for the Environment

Question (Member Question No. 84):

Regarding the programme *Environmental Protection—Sewerage and sewage treatment* under this head, the Category B Project “Improve the Drainage System of the Villages in Southern District” with the Subhead 4400DS cannot be found. However, according to the Drainage Services Department, this project is now in the preliminary design stage. In this connection, please advise on:

1. whether the project will not progress in the coming financial year as no budget allocations will be provided for this project in the coming financial year;
2. the current progress and timetable of the project; and
3. whether the Administration will expedite the project so as to improve the environmental hygiene of the villages involved.

Asked by: Hon. KWOK Wai-keung

Reply:

The Drainage Services Department is now carrying out the investigation and preliminary design for the sewerage works in Pok Fu Lam area. The works are currently in the preliminary design stage. Upon completion of the preliminary design, we will consult the public and the Southern District Council on the proposed sewer alignments, and the location and outlook of the sewage pumping station. If the proposal is supported, we will gazette the works under the Roads (Works, Use and Compensation) Ordinance (Cap. 370) as applied by Section 26 of the Water Pollution Control (Sewerage) Regulation (Cap. 358 sub. leg.). After the works are authorised, we will complete the design work and prepare tender documents as soon as possible, and arrangement for the necessary land resumption will be carried out in parallel. Then, we will seek funding approval from the Finance Committee of the Legislative Council in accordance with the procedures for Public Works Programme. Under normal circumstances, the preparation work mentioned above before funding application takes about 3 years to complete. Upon funding approval, the works are expected to complete within the 4-year construction period and we will expedite the works progress as far as practicable.