

CONTROLLING OFFICER'S REPLY

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(Question Serial No. 2957)

Head: (704) Capital Works Reserve Fund: Drainage

Subhead (No. & title): (4382DS) Sewerage at Clear Water Bay Road, Pik Shui Sun Tsuen and west of Sai Kung town

Programme: Not Specified

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

Director of Bureau: Secretary for the Environment

Question (Member Question No. 45):

Regarding Subhead 4382DS “Sewerage at Clear Water Bay Road, Pik Shui Sun Tsuen and west of Sai Kung town” under “Environment—Environmental Protection—Sewerage and sewage treatment”, the approved project estimate (APE) for “Sewerage at Clear Water Bay Road, Pik Shui Sun Tsuen and west of Sai Kung town” is about \$359 million, whereas the actual expenditure up to 31 March 2013 is only about \$0.89 million. Of the remaining APE of about \$358 million, the revised estimate for 2013-14 is only about \$80 million and the estimate for 2014-15 is about \$84 million.

What is the timetable for drawing down the remaining APE? How to speed up the progress of works? 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:

The project 4382DS commenced in January 2013 for completion in early 2017. The actual expenditures as at 31 March 2013 were rather low because the works at the initial stage mainly involved site formation and construction of site offices. Moreover, since the works involve laying of sewers in villages, our engineering staff need to take time to discuss in detail the working arrangement with village representatives and villagers, in order to minimize the inconvenience caused to them. Also, for the works on laying of trunk sewers along Clear Water Bay Road, our engineering staff need to liaise with relevant departments to formulate temporary traffic arrangements and carry out investigation of underground utilities according to the actual site conditions. Therefore, the actual expenditures of the works at the initial stage were relatively lower but will gradually increase later on. DSD will continue to closely monitor the works progress, to ensure that the

works are completed smoothly according to the scheduled programme as set out in the construction contract, and speed up the works progress as far as practicable.

Details of the resources allocation involved in the project are as follows:

	APE (HK\$ million)
Construction of sewers in villages	110
Construction of gravity trunk sewers	93
Construction of a sewage pumping station and rising mains	36
Ancillary works and environmental mitigation measures	5
Consultant's fees and remuneration of resident site staff	33
Contingencies	10
Provision for price adjustment	72
Total	359