Examination of Estimates of Expenditure 2015-16

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CONTROLLING OFFICER'S REPLY

(Question Serial No. 6027)

Head: (39) Drainage Services Department

Subhead (No. & title): (000) Operational Expenses

<u>Programme</u>: (1) Stormwater Drainage

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

<u>Director of Bureau</u>: Secretary for Development

Question:

(1) What is the progress of the construction of Happy Valley Underground Stormwater Storage Scheme? What is the Department's anticipated percentage of completion of the project this year? Are the works progressing as scheduled? Has the project cost overrun? If yes, what are the amount and reasons? and

(2) Any complaints (e.g. traffic congestion and noise) in relation to, or arising from the above project received last year? Please provide the number, details and follow-up work of these complaints.

Asked by: Hon CHAN Ka-lok, Kenneth (Member Question No. 353)

Reply:

- (1) The construction of the Happy Valley Underground Stormwater Storage Scheme commenced in September 2011 and the progress is on schedule. Stage 1 of the works was completed in end of March 2015. The Drainage Services Department anticipates that about 65% of the works will be completed by end 2015 and the expenditure of the project will be within budget.
- (2) In 2014, we received one complaint of the project about noise nuisance caused by rock breaking operation. The contractor took immediate remedial measures including installation of additional noise barriers and change of construction method. No further complaint has been received since then.