

CONTROLLING OFFICER'S REPLY

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Head: (39) Drainage Services Department

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Programme: (1) Stormwater Drainage

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Question:

It is stated that the Department will commence the investigation and planning of transforming King Yip Street nullah into Tsui Ping River. In this connection, please advise this Committee on:

- (1) specific details such as the current annual average volume and water quality of Tsui Ping River;
- (2) the re-planning work schedule, as well as the estimated expenditure and staff establishment for the relevant work in 2015-16.

Asked by: Hon WONG Kwok-kin (Member Question No. 34)

Reply:

- (1) King Yip Street nullah is one of the major storm water channels in East Kowloon, serving a catchment of 520 hectare covering Kwun Tong, Sau Mau Ping and Lam Tin. The nullah is under tidal influence and the daily flow fluctuates greatly with the season and the weather. During severe rainstorms, the nullah could convey a discharge up to 150 cubic metre per second. The nullah is subject to pollution from various sources including expedient connections of effluent discharges from upstream developments and tidal effect, etc. We shall carry out surveys in the investigation study to collect more information for further study with a view to improving the water quality.
- (2) We schedule to commence the investigation consultancy study in mid-2015 for completion in the first quarter of 2017. The estimated expenditure of the study in 2015-16 is \$6.5 million in money-of-the-day prices. The study is managed by a Chief Engineer and a Senior Engineer on a part-time basis, and supported by an Engineer and a Landscape Architect in time-limited posts.