

CONTROLLING OFFICER'S REPLY

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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 Development

Question:

What is the progress of Subhead 4407DS “Relocation of Sha Tin sewage treatment works to caverns—consultants’ fees and investigation”? On what areas will the expenditure in 2015-16 be spent? Will the whole project be completed as scheduled when the project estimate was approved?

Asked by: Hon FAN Kwok-wai, Gary (Member Question No. 39)

Reply:

According to Rule 49 of the Finance Committee Procedures, special meetings of the Finance Committee are convened to examine the annual Estimates of Expenditure prepared by the Government in support of the Appropriation Bill.

Expenditure charged to the Capital Works Reserve Fund do **not** form part of the Appropriation Bill. As such, questions relating to expenditure under the Fund are **not** relevant to the examination of the Estimates of Expenditure or the Appropriation Bill.

The project for the investigation and design work for the relocation of Sha Tin sewage treatment works to caverns under Subhead No. 4407DS commenced in September 2014. The estimated expenditure in 2015-16 covers ground investigation works to be undertaken by a contractor and the design work to be undertaken by consultants, including relevant technical and impact assessments, and the supervision of the ground investigation works. The investigation and design are expected to be completed by end 2022 as scheduled.

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