

CONTROLLING OFFICER'S REPLY

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(Question Serial No. 2506)

Head: (704) Capital Works Reserve Fund: Drainage

Subhead (No. & title): (4224DS) Outlying Islands sewerage, stage 1 phase 1C—upgrading of Siu Ho Wan sewage treatment works

Programme: Not Specified

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

Director of Bureau: Secretary for the Environment

Question:

Regarding Subhead 4224DS (Outlying Islands sewerage, stage 1 phase 1C—upgrading of Siu Ho Wan sewage treatment works) under the Capital Works Reserve Fund, the project commenced in 2000-01 for expected completion in 2006-07 (see the discussion paper for Public Works Subcommittee of Finance Committee at <http://www.legco.gov.hk/yr99-00/english/fc/pwsc/papers/p00-13e.pdf>). However, the project is still in progress and the revised estimate for 2014-15 is \$406,000 whereas the estimate for 2015-16 is increased to \$21,250,000.

Why was the project extended? What is the expected completion date of the project?

Asked by: Hon LEONG Kah-kit, Alan (Member Question No. 26)

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 upgrading of Siu Ho Wan sewage treatment works was completed and put into operation in 2009. The revised estimate for 2014-15 is mainly for account finalisation of the completed consultancy services of the project. The estimate for 2015-16 is for monitoring of effluent quality and installation of a solar power system to reduce electricity consumption at the sewage treatment works. The monitoring of water quality is expected to commence in June 2015 for completion in May 2020, while the works for the solar power system commenced in February 2015 for expected completion in August 2016.

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