

CONTROLLING OFFICER'S REPLY

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Head: (39) Drainage Services Department

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Question:

Please advise this Committee on:

- 1) the information regarding the capital projects under detailed design with a value of \$52,839,400,000 in 2015-16 under this programme, including the estimated expenditure of each project and expected completion dates of the design;
- 2) a breakdown of the uses of the increased provision of \$260,000,000 under this programme.

Asked by: Hon WU Chi-wai (Member Question No. 91)

Reply:

- 1) At present, we have a number of sewerage projects with a total estimated cost of about \$52.8 billion under detailed design. Since these projects are subject to regular review and revision taking into account further investigation, design evolution, site availability, statutory and administrative requirements, public consultations as well as other planning considerations, the project details will only be set out in the Printed Estimates as and when the respective works are scheduled to commence.

The Drainage Services Department is committed to taking forward these projects under design and to expediting the project delivery as far as practicable.

- 2) The provision for 2015-16 is \$260 million higher than the revised estimate for 2014-15. This is mainly due to:
 - (a) the filling of vacancies;
 - (b) the full-year effect for vacancies filled in 2014-15;
 - (c) the creation of 32 posts in 2015-16 mainly for operating new sewerage facilities;
 - (d) other operating expenses; and
 - (e) the increased requirements for purchase of equipment.

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