

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 the Environment

Question:

What are the details, works schedule and expenditure involved for “Harbour Area Treatment Scheme, stage 2A—the upgrading works of Stonecutters Island sewage treatment works and the preliminary treatment works”?

Asked by: Hon WONG Pik-wan, Helena (Member Question No. 86)

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 scope of the upgrading works of Stonecutters Island sewage treatment works (SISTW) and the preliminary treatment works (PTWs) comprises:-

- upgrading of the existing eight PTWs in North Point, Wan Chai East, Central, Sandy Bay, Cyberport, Wah Fu, Aberdeen and Ap Lei Chau; and
- upgrading of the chemically enhanced primary treatment capacity of SISTW from the current level of 1.7 million cubic metres per day to 2.4 million cubic metres per day.

The works of Harbour Area Treatment Scheme Stage 2A also include the construction of advance disinfection facilities at SISTW and a deep sewage tunnel of 21 kilometres in length for the conveyance of sewage from the eight PTWs to SISTW for treatment and disposal.

The construction of Stage 2A commenced in April 2008. The main works have been completed and are under testing and trial operation for expected commissioning in the third quarter of 2015. The estimated cost for the consultancy study, site investigation and construction works is \$17.5 billion.

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