

CONTROLLING OFFICER'S REPLY

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(Question Serial No. 4450)

Head: (704) Capital Works Reserve Fund: Drainage

Subhead (No. & title): (4367DS) Upgrading of Central and East Kowloon sewerage — phase 1

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 “Upgrading of Central and East Kowloon sewerage—phase 1”?

Asked by: Hon WONG Pik-wan, Helena (Member Question No. 93)

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.

Subhead No. 4367DS “Upgrading of Central and East Kowloon sewerage—phase 1” comprises the upgrading or construction of sewers with a total length of about 6.3 kilometres in Kwun Tong, Kowloon Bay, Wong Tai Sin, Kowloon City, To Kwa Wan and Tsim Sha Tsui, as well as the modification of seven dry weather flow interceptors (DWFIs) in To Kwa Wan, Kowloon City, Kowloon Bay and Ngau Tau Kok. The main works commenced in January 2009 and were completed in 2012. As about one kilometre of the sewers were not completed due to site constraints, the engineering consultant will review and redesign the works for implementation under other projects. The modification works for five of the seven DWFIs have been completed. For one of the remaining two DWFIs, due to the stormwater backflow problem, the modification works can only be carried out upon completion of the improvement works for the downstream section of Kai Tak River; while the other one has to tie in with the on-going Kai Tak River improvement works and will therefore be demolished and reconstructed under that project. The total approved project estimate is \$304.7 million.