Examination of Estimates of Expenditure 2015-16

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CONTROLLING OFFICER'S REPLY

(Question Serial No. 4451)

Head: (704) Capital Works Reserve Fund: Drainage

Subhead (No. & title): (4377DS) Upgrading of Central and East Kowloon sewerage —

phase 2

<u>Programme</u>: Not Specified

<u>Controlling Officer</u>: Director of Drainage Services (CHUNG Kum-wah, Daniel)

<u>Director of Bureau</u>: Secretary for the Environment

Question:

What are the details, works schedule and expenditure involved for "Upgrading of Central and East Kowloon sewerage—phase 2"?

Asked by: Hon WONG Pik-wan, Helena (Member Question No. 94)

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. 4377DS "Upgrading of Central and East Kowloon sewerage—phase 2" mainly comprises the replacement or construction of sewers with a total length of about seven kilometres in Kwun Tong, Ngau Tau Kok, Yau Tong, Kowloon Bay and Ngau Chi Wan, as well as the upgrading of seven dry weather flow interceptors in Kwun Tong, Kowloon Bay and To Kwa Wan. The works commenced in June 2011 for expected completion in December 2015 as scheduled. The total approved project estimate is \$503 million.