

**CONTROLLING OFFICER'S REPLY**

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Head: (39) Drainage Services Department

Subhead (No. & title): Not Specified

Programme: (1) Stormwater Drainage

Controlling Officer: Director of Drainage Services (TONG Ka Hung, Edwin)

Director of Bureau: Secretary for Development

Question:

It is stated that the Department will commence the investigation and planning to transform King Yip Street nullah into Tsui Ping River (the River). In this connection, please advise this Committee on:

- (1) the on-going or completed investigation on water quality over the past year, including the quantity and quality of samples collected, tracing of pollution sources and other data collection work in detail to study ways to improve the water quality of the River; and
- (2) whether the Department has planned to carry out water quality improvement works for the River and relevant river training works this year; if yes, what are the details of the works and the expenditure involved?

Asked by: Hon WONG Kwok-kin (Member Question No. 30)

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.

- (1) The Environmental Protection Department and Drainage Services Department (DSD) conducted an expedient connection (EC) survey for the Tsui Ping catchment in 2014 – 2015. A total of 30 ECs were identified and all were rectified by early 2016. DSD

also commenced an investigation consultancy study for revitalisation of the King Yip Street nullah into the Tsui Ping River in July 2015 for completion in 2017. In 2015, the consultants reviewed the available information, such as the existing drainage / sewerage systems and water quality survey reports from various parties, and developed the scope of and methodology for the necessary site investigation and surveys for collecting more information for further study with a view to improving the water quality of the river.

- (2) The investigation consultancy study will continue in 2016 and no water quality improvement works for the river or any river training works are planned to be carried out this year.

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