

CONTROLLING OFFICER'S REPLY

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Head: (39) Drainage Services Department

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Programme: (1) Stormwater Drainage

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

Director of Bureau: Secretary for Development

Question:

Regarding the reconstruction and rehabilitation works of Kai Tak nullah, please advise on the progress, expected completion date and the expenditure involved.

Asked by: Hon James TIEN Pei-chun (Member Question No. 21)

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 Reconstruction and Rehabilitation of Kai Tak Nullah Project is being implemented in stages by the Civil Engineering and Development Department (CEDD) and Drainage Services Department under four packages. The progress, expected completion date and expenditure of the improvement works of each package are as follows:

- (i) The advance works of Kai Tak Nullah comprising the construction of a box culvert at Prince Edward Road East and widening of a section of Choi Hung Road commenced in August 2010 and were substantially completed in January 2014. The estimated expenditure for 2016-17 is \$0.5 million.
- (ii) The improvement works to Kai Tak Nullah at the upstream reach from Po Kong Village Road to Tung Kwong Road commenced in October 2011 for completion in 2017. The estimated expenditure for 2016-17 is \$93 million.

- (iii) The improvement works to Kai Tak Nullah at the midstream reach from Tung Kwong Road to Prince Edward Road East commenced in December 2013 for completion in 2017. The estimated expenditure for 2016-17 is \$81.8 million.
- (iv) The improvement works to Kai Tak Nullah at the downstream reach within the Kai Tak Development Area commenced in January 2013 for completion in 2018. This package is undertaken by CEDD and the estimated expenditure for 2016-17 is \$430.4 million.

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