

**CONTROLLING OFFICER'S REPLY**

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Head: (39) Drainage Services Department

Subhead (No. & title): (000) Operational Expenses

Programme: (1) Stormwater Drainage

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

Director of Bureau: Secretary for Development

Question:

- (1) What is the progress of the construction of Happy Valley Underground Stormwater Storage Scheme? What is the Department's anticipated percentage of completion of the project this year? Are the works progressing as scheduled?
- (2) What are the current cost-effectiveness and gross profit/loss of this project awarded in the form of "new engineering contract"?
- (3) Any complaints (e.g. traffic congestion, noise, etc.) received in relation to, or arising from the project last year? Please provide the number, details and follow-up action of these complaints.

Asked by: Dr Hon Kenneth CHAN Ka-lok (Member Question No. 159)

Reply:

- (1) The construction of the Happy Valley Underground Stormwater Storage Scheme commenced in September 2011. Phase 1 works, comprising the construction of a 30 000 m<sup>3</sup> tank with associated electrical and mechanical works, were completed and commissioned in March 2015. Phase 2 works for the remaining 30 000 m<sup>3</sup> tank are anticipated to be completed by early 2018 as scheduled. The Drainage Services Department anticipates that about 85% of the works would be completed by the end of 2016.
- (2) The works of the project were carried out under the New Engineering Contract 3 (NEC3) form with a pain/gain share mechanism. With construction still going on, the final gain/pain share of the Government can only be confirmed upon the completion of the contract in early 2018.
- (3) In 2015, there was one complaint, received in July, about an alleged environmental nuisance arising from chemical spray use for painting. On receiving the complaint,

the contractor immediately adopted an alternative work process to address the concern raised.

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