

**CONTROLLING OFFICER'S REPLY**

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Question:

The length of sewers under management in 2016 is estimated to be 1 753 kilometres (km), which is 26 km more compared with 1 727 km in 2015. However, the length of sewers inspected and the length of sewers cleansed in 2016 are estimated to be 3 km less and 1 km less than those in 2015 respectively. What are the reasons?

Asked by: Hon CHAN Hak-kan (Member Question No. 75)

Reply:

The length of sewers under management in 2016 is estimated to be 26 km more than that in 2015, representing an increase of about 1.5%. Under normal circumstances, newly commissioned sewers do not require inspection and cleansing in the short term. The estimates for 2016 have taken into account this factor and the assessment of actual operation of existing sewers in 2015. The lengths of sewers requiring inspection and cleansing in the coming year are expected to be 1 178 km and 691 km respectively, which are 3 km (0.3%) and 1 km (0.1%) different from the actual figures for 2015 respectively, showing a broadly similar picture.

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