

**CONTROLLING OFFICER'S REPLY**

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**(Question Serial No. 5042)**

Head: (39) Drainage Services Department  
Subhead (No. & title): (661) Minor Plant, Vehicles and Equipment (Block Vote)  
Programme: Not Specified  
Controlling Officer: Director of Drainage Services (TONG Ka Hung, Edwin)  
Director of Bureau: Secretary for Development

Question:

Provision of \$34,020,000 under Subhead 661 Minor plant, vehicles and equipment (block vote) represents an increase of \$10,470,000 (44.5%) over the revised estimate for 2016-17. This is mainly due to the increased requirements for replacement of equipment in 2017-18. In this connection, please advise this Committee of:

1. the distribution of Programmes (1) and (2) in Subhead 661;
2. the details, equipment requirements and reasons for the increased requirements; and
3. the distribution of the increased provision in the two Programmes.

Asked by: Hon LEUNG Kwok-hung (Member Question No. 563)

Reply:

The information sought is provided as follows:

1. The provisions for Programmes (1) and (2) under Subhead 661 are \$4,960,000 and \$29,060,000 respectively.
2. The increase in requirements is mainly due to the need to replace aged equipment approaching the end of their serviceable lives so as to maintain reliable operation in existing sewage treatment plants and pumping stations. The replacement items are mainly pumps, coarse screens, generators, deodourisation units and engineering survey equipment.
3. The increases in provisions for Programmes (1) and (2) are \$300,000 and \$10,170,000 respectively.

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