

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 (LO Kwok-wah)

Director of Bureau: Secretary for Development

Question:

Regarding the illegal landfill material in the main watercourse in Yan Shau Wai and Tung Chan Wai in San Tin, please advise this Committee of the following:

1. the progress of enforcement;
2. the inspection and enforcement manpower;
3. the expenditure on inspection and enforcement manpower;
4. the expenditure on removal of landfill material by the Government.

Asked by: Hon KWOK Ka-ki (LegCo internal reference no.: 32)

Reply:

Details of the Drainage Services Department (DSD)'s enforcement regarding the illegal landfilling case concerning the main watercourse in Yan Shau Wai and Tung Chan Wai in San Tin are set out below:

1. The Drainage Appeal Board (DAB) released its decision on 11 March 2019, dismissing the appeal and upholding DSD's decision to issue an enforcement notice and the requirements set out in the notice. DSD has further issued a letter requiring the removal of the above illegal filling pursuant to the DAB's decision.
- 2 & 3. DSD's inspection and enforcement work concerning the above illegal landfilling case has been undertaken by a team led by a senior engineer. The manpower and expenditure of the team involved in all such inspection and enforcement work are absorbed within DSD's existing resources. Such work is carried out by the staff members concerned as part of their overall duties. We are unable to provide a breakdown of the manpower and expenditure deployed solely for the work in question.
4. Pursuant to the DAB's decision, the lot owners should be responsible for the removal of the illegal landfilling at his own costs.

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