

**CONTROLLING OFFICER'S REPLY**

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Programme: (1) Stormwater Drainage

Controlling Officer: Director of Drainage Services (LO Kwok-wah)

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Question:

Regarding the main watercourse inspection work under the Land Drainage Ordinance, please advise this Committee, in table form, of the following in terms of different watercourse over the past 5 years:

1. the number of inspections;
2. the inspection manpower;
3. the expenditure on inspection manpower;
4. the number of cases of non-compliance by owners and occupants.

Asked by: Hon KWOK Ka-ki (LegCo internal reference no.: 34)

Reply:

1. There are about 40 main watercourses under the Land Drainage Ordinance. In the past five years, the Drainage Services Department (DSD) has conducted inspections of each main watercourse about two times a year on average.
- 2 & 3. DSD's teams for conducting main watercourse inspections are generally led by engineers. The manpower and expenditure of the teams involved in the inspections are absorbed within the department's existing resources. The 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. There is one case of contravention identified under the Land Drainage Ordinance in the past five years.

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