

**CONTROLLING OFFICER'S REPLY**

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Head: (39) Drainage Services Department

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Programme: (1) Stormwater Drainage

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Question:

Typhoon attack has become more and more frequent in Hong Kong. Tidal back flow even occurred in a number of places, causing flooding. In this connection, please advise this Committee whether:

- (a) the Drainage Services Department has any mechanism and manpower in place at present to handle tidal back flow resulting from typhoons.
- (b) there will be drainage improvement works in the future to prevent tidal back flow. If yes, what are the details?

Asked by: Hon KWOK Wai-keung (LegCo internal reference no.: 34)

Reply:

The information sought is provided as follows:

- (a) The joint effort of various departments is required to tackle the flooding in low-lying coastal areas caused by tidal backflow during a typhoon. In an emergency situation, the Drainage Services Department's (DSD's) actions mainly involve the deployment of emergency response teams, provision of temporary pumping facilities and implementation of temporary flood-proofing measures (e.g. placement of sand bags, erection of stop-logs) with a view to reducing the damage caused by tidal backflow.
- (b) DSD will continue to implement suitable drainage improvement measures, such as installation of flap valves at drainage outlets, provision of flood walls, erection of demountable flood barriers, etc, in low-lying coastal areas prone to flooding arising from tidal backflow.

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