

CONTROLLING OFFICER'S REPLY**DEVB(W)186****(Question Serial No. 6028)**Head: (39) Drainage Services DepartmentSubhead (No. & title): Not specifiedProgramme: Not specifiedControlling Officer: Director of Drainage Services (LO Kwok-wah)Director of Bureau: Secretary for DevelopmentQuestion:

Regarding its work in relation to the Code on Access to Information, will the Government advise this Committee on the following:

- 1) concerning the requests for information under the Code on Access to Information received by the Drainage Services Department for which only some of the required information was provided, please state in table form: (i) the content of the requests for which only some of the required information was provided; (ii) the reasons for providing some of the information only; and (iii) how the requests were eventually handled.

Year

(i) Content of the requests for which only some of the required information was provided	(ii) Reasons for providing some of the information only	(iii) How the requests were eventually handled

- 2) concerning the requests for information under the Code on Access to Information received by the Drainage Services Department for which the required information was not provided, please state in table form: (i) the content of the requests refused; (ii) the reasons for refusal; and (iii) how the requests were eventually handled.

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(i) Content of the requests refused	(ii) Reasons for refusal	(iii) How the requests were eventually handled

Asked by: Hon CHAN Tanya (LegCo internal reference no.: 272)

Reply:

- 1) In 2018, there was one Code on Access to Information (Code) request for which partial information was provided. In that case, internal discussions regarding the Drainage Services Department's proposed creation of Information Officer grade posts through the annual Resource Allocation Exercise were not disclosed. This partial rejection was done in accordance with paragraph 2.10 of the Code, which states that a request for information made under the Code may be refused in part or in whole if disclosing the information in question "would inhibit the frankness and candour of discussion within the Government".
- 2) We did not refuse any request for information made under the Code during the same period.

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