

CONTROLLING OFFICER'S REPLY

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Question:

It is mentioned that in the coming financial year, the Drainage Services Department (DSD) will “continue with the design and commence the construction of transforming King Yip Street nullah into Tsui Ping River”. In this connection, please advise this Committee of the following:

1. the total length (km) of nullahs in Hong Kong;
2. the total length (km) of revitalised nullahs;
3. the total length (km) of nullahs that have commenced or are planned to commence revitalisation;
4. any internal benchmark within DSD for the length of nullahs to be revitalised within a specific period of time. If yes, what are the details? If not, what are the reasons?

Asked by: Hon TAM Man-ho, Jeremy (LegCo internal reference no.: 484)

Reply:

The information sought is provided as follows:

1. The total length of major nullahs, drainage channels and natural watercourses in Hong Kong is about 400 km.
- 2 to 4. Revitalisation is now a common feature in the design of improvement works for major nullahs, drainage channels and natural watercourses, where appropriate. Hence, we are unable to provide the exact total length of nullahs, drainage channels and natural watercourses for which revitalisation works have been implemented. Examples of improvement works containing elements of revitalisation include the recently completed drainage improvement works at the Yuen Long Bypass Floodway, Ho Chung River, Upper Lam Tsuen River and Kai Tak River (with a total length of approximately 25 km). Improvement works for the nullahs at King Yip Street (i.e. Tsui Ping River with a length of approximately one km), Tai Wai, Fo Tan and Jordan Valley, now being planned/designed, will also include elements

of revitalisation in their detailed designs. In addition, we will continue to review and evaluate the revitalisation potential of major nullahs, drainage channels and natural watercourses with a view to identifying suitable ones for revitalisation.

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