

**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:

It is mentioned that in the coming financial year, the Drainage Services Department 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 odour level in the vicinity of King Yip Street nullah expected to be reduced after completion of the works.

Asked by: Hon TAM Man-ho, Jeremy (LegCo internal reference no.: 485)

Reply:

The odour issue concerning the King Yip Street nullah has been mainly due to the discharge from expedient connections and the sediment in the tidal zone of the nullah.

There have been continuous joint efforts among relevant government departments to identify and rectify the expedient connections at the upstream portion of the King Yip Street nullah. Moreover, dry weather flow interceptors will be used under the Revitalisation of Tsui Ping River project (the project) to collect any polluted urban runoff for treatment.

To minimise sedimentation in the tidal zone of the nullah, the project will include facilities to maintain water flow. This, together with regular desilting, will reduce the accumulation of sediment.

We expect the odour level in the vicinity will diminish significantly upon the project's completion.

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