

**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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Director of Bureau: Secretary for Development

Question:

The Government continues with the investigation and design of drainage improvement works. In this connection, please advise this Committee of the following:

- (1) the details of investigation in the following districts in table form; and

District	Investigated (km)	To be Investigated (km)	Anticipated Completion Date	Manpower and Expenditure Involved
Tai Po				
Sha Tin				
Sai Kung				

- (2) the details of the Government's latest investigation of drainage improvement works for North District, and the anticipated commencement date of the design work in the next stage.

Asked by: Hon CHAN Hak-kan (LegCo internal reference no.: 162)

Reply:

- (1) The Drainage Services Department (DSD) commenced the "Drainage Improvement Works in Sha Tin and Sai Kung – Investigation" (hereinafter called "Project 1") and the "Drainage Improvement Works in Tai Po – Investigation" (hereinafter called "Project 2") in October 2019 and January 2020 respectively. In 2020-21, the DSD will continue with the two investigations. The scope of each investigation comprises site investigation and survey; formulation of the overall layout and preliminary design of the proposed works; conducting of impact assessments on traffic and environment amongst others, and formulation of mitigation measures required; and conducting of public consultation and relevant statutory procedures.

The details of the investigations as well as the estimated manpower and expenditures involved in the work are as follows:

Project (District)	Investigated (km)	To be Investigated (km)	Anticipated Completion Date	Manpower and Expenditure Involved (in money-of-the-day prices)
1 (Sha Tin and Sai Kung)	— <sup>(1)</sup>	Approx. 14 km <sup>(2)</sup>	Mid-2021	Undertaken by a team led by a Senior Engineer under the DSD <sup>(3)</sup> Approx. \$18 million <sup>(4)</sup>
2 (Tai Po)	— <sup>(1)</sup>	Approx. 7 km	Mid-2021	Undertaken by a team led by a Senior Engineer under the DSD <sup>(3)</sup> Approx. \$18 million <sup>(4)</sup>

Note 1: As the project commenced either late last year or earlier this year and the investigation work involves numerous procedures that are yet to be completed, there is no drain fully investigated in the meantime.

Note 2: The approximate lengths of drains to be investigated in Sha Tin District and Sai Kung District are 10 km and 4 km respectively.

Note 3: As the work is part of the existing staff members' overall duties, we are unable to provide the details of manpower expenditure on the work.

Note 4: When compared with Project 1, the length of drains covered in Project 2 is shorter but the estimated project expenditure involved is roughly the same. The reasons for this are as follows:

(a) According to our initial estimate, ten sections of drainage improvement works under Project 2 considered as designated projects under Schedule 2 of the Environmental Impact Assessment Ordinance (Cap. 499) are subject to relatively complicated statutory environmental impact assessments, while only two sections of drainage improvement works under Project 1 need similar task; and

(b) More site investigations are required under Project 2 than under Project 1.

(2) The investigation of drainage improvement works in North District is generally completed. The design work in the next stage is expected to commence within this year.

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