

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:

It is mentioned under Matters Requiring Special Attention in 2020-21 that the Drainage Services Department will commence the investigation of the revitalisation works for Tai Wai nullah for implementation of the "Rivers in the City" concept. Would the Government please advise this Committee of the details of the project and its timetable, as well as the estimated expenditure and staff establishment involved in the project?

Asked by: Hon QUAT Elizabeth (LegCo internal reference no.: 40)

Reply:

The Drainage Services Department (DSD) plans to commence the "Investigation Study for Revitalisation of Tai Wai Nullah" with aims to enhance the ecological value of the nullah, promote water-friendly activities and improve the community environment for implementing the "Rivers in the City" concept. The scope of the study 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. A Senior Engineer under the DSD will lead a team to oversee the study. As the work is part of the existing staff members' overall duties, DSD is unable to provide the information on the manpower expenditure involved in the work. The investigation study will commence in mid-2020 and is anticipated to be completed in 2023.

Besides, the DSD will develop the scope and, estimate the cost, manpower resources and implementation programme for the proposed project in accordance with the findings of investigation study. The DSD will also implement the mitigation measures required to minimise the impact of the project on nearby residents.