

CONTROLLING OFFICER'S REPLY

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Question:

To implement the "Rivers in the City" concept, the Department will commence the revitalisation works for Tai Wai nullah and Fo Tan nullah. Would the Government inform this Committee of the estimated manpower and expenditure involved in the relevant work as well as the anticipated date of completion? Is there any selected location for the next stage?

Asked by: Hon Tse Wai-chuen, Tony (LegCo internal reference no.: 38)

Reply:

The Drainage Services Department (DSD) plans to revitalise Tai Wai Nullah and Fo Tan Nullah with aims to enhance the ecological value of the nullahs, promote water-friendly activities and improve the community environment for implementing the "Rivers in the City" concept. The work proposed to be commenced comprises two investigation studies, namely the "Investigation Study for Revitalisation of Tai Wai Nullah" and the "Investigation Study for Revitalisation of Fo Tan Nullah".

The scope of the two studies mentioned above 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. Each study will be undertaken by a team led by a Senior Engineer under the DSD. 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 studies will commence in mid-2020 and are anticipated to be completed in 2023.

Besides, the DSD will develop the scope and, estimate the cost, manpower resources and implementation programme of the proposed project in accordance with the findings of investigation studies.

While the DSD is actively examining rivers with revitalisation potential in all districts, we have not yet selected any location for the next stage.