

CONTROLLING OFFICER'S REPLY

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Question:

The Drainage Services Department will commence the investigation of the revitalisation works for Tai Wai nullah and Fo Tan nullah for implementation of the "Rivers in the City" concept. Of these two projects in Tai Wai and Fo Tan, what are the specific details, cost, manpower and implementation timetables? What impact will the investigation have on the nearby residents? With regard to the impact mentioned above, what measures will the Department take?

Asked by: Hon YUNG Hoi-yan (LegCo internal reference no.: 12)

Reply:

The Drainage Services Department (DSD) plans to revitalise the existing 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 proposed investigation work 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. Although the studies have yet to commence and the impact of the project on nearby residents has to be determined by the studies, DSD believes that the impact will not be significant. During the course of the studies, the DSD will liaise with the relevant stakeholders to strive for minimising the impact.

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. The DSD will also implement the necessary mitigation measures to reduce the impact of the project on nearby residents.

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