

**CONTROLLING OFFICER'S REPLY**

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Head: (39) Drainage Services Department

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Programme: (2) Sewage Services

Controlling Officer: Director of Drainage Services (LO Kwok-wah)

Director of Bureau: Secretary for Development

Question:

It is mentioned under Matters Requiring Special Attention in 2020–21 that the Drainage Services Department will continue with the design of the relocation of Sha Tin sewage treatment works to caverns and the construction of the stage 1 works of the project. Please advise this Committee of the current progress of the works and the anticipated completion date of the whole works.

Asked by: Hon QUAT Elizabeth (LegCo internal reference no.: 90)

Reply:

The construction works for the relocation of Sha Tin Sewage Treatment Works to caverns are underway by stages. Stage 1 works, comprising site formation, construction of access tunnels and retaining structures as well as associated roadworks, commenced in February 2019. Given the current works progress, the works are anticipated to be completed in the fourth quarter of 2022 as scheduled.

Meanwhile, the Drainage Services Department is working on the detailed design for the remaining stages of construction works, including excavation of the main cavern, construction of upstream sewerage, installation of sewage treatment facilities, as well as decommissioning and demolition of the existing Sha Tin Sewage Treatment Works. We will continue to press ahead with the works in each stage and seek funding approval from the Legislative Council's Finance Committee for commencement of the works in a timely and orderly manner with a view to completing the entire relocation project around 2031.

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