

CONTROLLING OFFICER'S REPLY

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

Director of Bureau: Secretary for the Environment

Question:

With regard to the design and construction of village sewerage in Tai Po and North District, please advise this Committee of the following:

- (1) the estimate of expenditure involved in each project;
- (2) the works progress and anticipated completion dates of the on-going projects; and
- (3) the details of the projects to be implemented.

Asked by: Hon CHAN Hak-kan (LegCo internal reference no.: 161)

Reply:

- (1) The estimate of expenditure involved in the village sewerage projects for Tai Po and North District in 2020-21 is approximately \$21.6 million.
- (2) The village sewerage project in Nam Wa Po and Wai Tau Tsuen in Tai Po was completed in 2018, while the terminal manhole connection works by the villagers concerned are in full swing. The village sewerage project in Tong To Tsuen in North District is underway and is anticipated to be completed in the fourth quarter of 2021.
- (3) In February 2020, the Legislative Council's Finance Committee (FC) approved the funding proposal for Tolo Harbour village sewerage project covering Ha Wong Yi Au and Care Village in Tai Po. The project is expected to commence in the third quarter of 2020 for completion in 2024.

The Drainage Services Department is preparing to implement a village sewerage project covering Fanling Wai, So Kwun Po and Leng Pei Tsuen in North District. The project was supported by the Legislative Council's Panel on Environmental Affairs in November 2019. Subject to the support of the Legislative Council's Public Works Subcommittee and funding approval by the FC, the project would also commence in the third quarter of 2020 for completion in the first quarter of 2025.

Besides, the design of the village sewerage system in Tai Po and North District covering 24 and 14 villages respectively is underway.