

**CONTROLLING OFFICER'S REPLY**

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Head: (39) Drainage Services Department  
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Question:

It is mentioned under Matters Requiring Special Attention in 2020–21 that the Government will continue with the design and commence the construction of sewerage for some villages in places such as Sha Tin, Tai Po, Port Shelter and Tseung Kwan O. In this connection, please advise this Committee of the current progress of village sewerage works for Sha Tin, Tai Po, Port Shelter and Tseung Kwan O; the staff establishment and expenditure involved; and the anticipated commencement and completion dates of the sewerage works for the places mentioned above.

Asked by: Hon QUAT Elizabeth (LegCo internal reference no.: 88)

Reply:

In February 2020, the Legislative Council's Finance Committee (FC) approved funding for construction of village sewerage for a total of 11 villages in Sha Tin, Tai Po and Sai Kung (Port Shelter) at a sum of about \$1.49 billion. The works will commence in the third quarter of 2020 and be completed in phases by end 2025.

Besides, the Government will seek the FC's funding approval of about \$470 million this year for construction of village sewerage for 11 villages in Tseung Kwan O. Subject to the funding approval of the FC, the relevant works would commence in the first quarter of 2021 for completion in phases in the second quarter of 2025.

We will continue to proceed with the design of village sewerage for the other 48 villages in Sha Tin, Tai Po and Sai Kung (Port Shelter).

As the work mentioned above is part of the Drainage Services Department staff members' overall duties, there is no breakdown of the manpower and salary expenditure involved in this regard.

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