

**CONTROLLING OFFICER'S REPLY**

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Head: (39) Drainage Services Department

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Programme: (1) Stormwater Drainage

Controlling Officer: Director of Drainage Services (Alice PANG)

Director of Bureau: Secretary for Development

Question:

With regard to the improvement and revitalisation work for nullahs under the Programme, please provide the following information on:

1. the progress, specific details and completion timetable of revitalisation and improvement works for Yuen Long town centre nullah;
2. the progress, specific details and completion timetable of revitalisation and improvement works for Aberdeen and Stanley;
3. the progress and completion timetable of the construction works for transforming King Yip Street nullah into Tsui Ping River;
4. the progress, specific details and completion timetable of revitalisation and improvement works for Tai Wai nullah;
5. the progress, specific details and completion timetable of revitalisation and improvement works for Fo Tan nullah; and
6. whether the study for selection of river sections for revitalisation covers Tuen Mun River; the details, progress and effectiveness of the Department's revitalisation and improvement works for Tuen Mun River over the past 5 years.

Asked by: Hon MAK Mei-kuen, Alice (LegCo internal reference no.:82)

Reply:

1. "Improvement of Yuen Long Town Nullah" aims to upgrade the drainage capacities of the areas in the vicinity of Yuen Long town centre by installing dry weather flow interceptors and revitalising river channels, to reduce the flood risk and improve the community environment. The investigations of the related works are in progress, while the detailed design is scheduled for completion in 2022. Subject to the progress of the above-mentioned work and other relevant preparatory work (e.g. processing land matters and conducting district consultation), the Drainage Services Department (DSD) will submit funding applications to the Legislative Council timely so as to commence the relevant works as soon as possible.
2. The drainage improvement works for Aberdeen and Stanley have been included in "Drainage Improvement in Southern Hong Kong Island – package 2 (remaining works)". The project aims to upgrade the drainage capacities of Southern Hong Kong Island (Note 1) by increasing the flow capacities of the existing drains amongst others

with a view to reducing the flood risk. The investigations of the related works are in progress, while the detailed design is scheduled for completion in 2022. Subject to the progress of the above-mentioned work and other relevant preparatory work (e.g. processing land matters and conducting district consultation), the DSD will submit funding applications to the Legislative Council timely so as to commence the relevant works as soon as possible.

[Note 1: The project covers urban areas on Southern Hong Kong Island, including the Peak, Tin Wan, Aberdeen, Ap Lei Chau, Wong Chuk Hang, Shouson Hill and Stanley.]

3. The construction works for “Revitalisation of Tsui Ping River” commenced in July 2020 and are scheduled for completion in 2024.
- 4&5. The investigations of “Revitalisation of Tai Wai Nullah” and “Revitalisation of Fo Tan Nullah” commenced in April 2020. These projects aim to upgrade the drainage capacities and revitalise river channels to reduce the flood risk and improve the community environment. The investigations of the related works are in progress, while the detailed design is scheduled for completion in 2024. Subject to the progress of the above-mentioned work and other relevant preparatory work (e.g. processing land matters and conducting district consultation), the DSD will submit funding applications to the Legislative Council timely so as to commence the above 2 river revitalisation projects as soon as possible.
6. The DSD commenced “Review and Selection of River Sections for Revitalisation - Feasibility Study” in early 2021 to select nullahs/river sections with revitalisation potential and identify the preliminary scope of relevant revitalisation works. The study covering Tuen Mun River is scheduled for completion in 2023.

In the past 5 years, the DSD adopted a multi-pronged approach to improving the water quality of Tuen Mun River. For example, making use of dry weather flow interceptors to intercept and divert sewage to the sewage treatment system during the dry season so as to prevent river pollution. Moreover, the DSD will conduct annual inspection of Tuen Mun River and arrange desilting work on a need basis. In the above-mentioned feasibility study, we will examine in detail the improvement in the water quality of Tuen Mun River with a view to taking forward the related work for river revitalisation.

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