

CONTROLLING OFFICER'S REPLY

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Head: (39) Drainage Services Department

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Programme: (2) Sewage Services

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Question:

It is pointed out in Matters Requiring Special Attention in 2021–22 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, as well as commence the construction of the stage 2 works. Please advise this Committee of the following:

1. the anticipated completion date of the whole works; and
2. the latest progress of the works.

Asked by: Hon QUAT Elizabeth (LegCo internal reference no.: 27)

Reply:

The construction works for the relocation of Sha Tin Sewage Treatment Works to caverns are underway by stages. Stage 1 works, including site formation, construction of access tunnels and retaining structures as well as associated roadworks, commenced in February 2019 and are anticipated to be completed in 2022. The Legislative Council's Finance Committee approved funding on 8 January 2021 for Stage 2 works, including excavation of the main cavern complex and construction of upstream sewerage works, which are anticipated to commence in mid-2021.

Meanwhile, the Drainage Services Department is working on the detailed design for the remaining works including installation of sewage treatment facilities in the new caverns, as well as striving to commission the new sewage treatment works in caverns in 2029 for the subsequent demolition of the existing plant and related works. We will continue to press ahead with the works in each stage and seek funding approval from the Finance Committee for the remaining works in a timely and orderly manner, with a view to completing the entire relocation project around 2031.

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