

CONTROLLING OFFICER'S REPLY

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Question:

Regarding stormwater drainage in the South East New Territories, would the Government inform this Committee of:

1. the progress of, expenditure on and estimates for the drainage master plan in Tseung Kwan O;
2. the progress of and expenditure on the drainage improvement works for Sha Tin and Sai Kung; and
3. the number of flooding reports received in the above-mentioned districts for the past 3 years, with the locations involved and corresponding measures taken?

Asked by: Hon LI Sai-wing, Stanley (LegCo internal reference no.: 28)

Reply:

1. The "Review of Drainage Master Plan in Tseung Kwan O - Feasibility Study" commenced in December 2022 and is scheduled for completion in 2024. The expenditure on the study is estimated to be \$12 million (in money-of-the-day prices).
2. The investigation of the drainage improvement works for Sha Tin and Sai Kung is largely completed, with detailed design work currently being carried out. Subject to the progress of the detailed design 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 so as to commence the relevant works as soon as possible. The estimated expenditure on the investigation and detailed design work is about \$37 million (in money-of-the-day prices).
3. For the past 3 years, the DSD has received 22 flooding reports from the above-mentioned districts, i.e. 8 from Tseung Kwan O, 3 from Sha Tin and 11 from Sai Kung.

Most of the flooding cases in the above-mentioned districts arose because drains were blocked by litters, fallen leaves, etc carried down by surface runoff during heavy rain. Upon receipt of flooding reports, the DSD took swift action to accomplish the urgent clearance work required and provide additional gullies at locations more susceptible to accumulation of rubbish, with a view to reducing flood risk.

Moreover, in view of some flooding cases involving low-lying areas, the DSD has taken drainage improvement measures such as construction of flood walls and installation of check valves at suitable locations to reduce the flood risk of the areas concerned.

Before the rainy season, the DSD will conduct inspections of the drainage facilities and carry out desilting work. During the rainy season, the DSD will deploy more staff and arrange for emergency response teams to handle flooding incidents in addition to stationing at locations prone to flooding, with a view to clearing blocked drains promptly and reducing flood risk as far as possible.

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