

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 (MOK Wing-cheong)

Director of Bureau: Secretary for Development

Question:

The Drainage Services Department (DSD) has been formulating drainage master plans for rural areas and addressing flood risks in the New Territories in the long term through river training works, village flood protection schemes and drainage improvement works. In this connection, would the Government inform this Committee:

1. of the annual expenditures incurred by the DSD on implementing river training works in flood-prone areas in the northern New Territories in each of the past 3 years; the overall completion progress of such works as at end-February 2026; the number of projects yet to be completed; and the anticipated completion date of all projects;
2. in respect of the village flood protection schemes for safeguarding low-lying villages, of the expenditures involved in the past 3 years; the number of villages covered by the schemes; the number of villages where flood protection works have been completed to date; the number of villages where works are still underway or pending; and the anticipated date for all the schemes to be fully completed; and
3. of the annual expenditures incurred by the DSD on implementing drainage improvement works in the New Territories in the past 3 years; the number of projects completed in 2025-26; the number of projects currently under construction; and the anticipated completion date for all such projects?

Asked by: Hon FAN Hoi-kit, Alex (LegCo internal reference no.: 32)

Reply:

Since its establishment in 1989, the Drainage Services Department (DSD) has been formulating drainage master plans for the northern New Territories and rural areas and implementing long-term improvement measures including, inter alia, river training works, in particular those targeting the districts prone to flooding in the northern New Territories, and village flood protection schemes aimed at protecting low-lying villages. So far, in the New Territories, the DSD has not only completed river training works involving some 110 kilometres of channels, but also implemented 27 village flood protection schemes for low-lying villages. Through the implementation of these projects, the flood risk of the districts concerned has been significantly reduced. The DSD has been monitoring the drainage

performance of these river channels and the drainage systems in low-lying villages, with a view to taking forward the necessary flood control works and safeguarding public safety.

- 1.- 3. In the past 3 years, the DSD proactively carried out 6 drainage improvement projects in the New Territories (including the northern New Territories and rural areas), and the details are as follows:

District	Project	Main scope of works	Progress	Annual expenditure (\$ million)		
				2023-24	2024-25	2025-26 (Revised Estimate)
North	Drainage improvement works at North District – phase 1	A flood storage tank, a stormwater pumping station, flood walls, drainage channels and stormwater drains	Works commenced in August 2023 and are anticipated to be completed in 2028	20.5	82.9	228.1
Yuen Long	Drainage improvement works at Yuen Long – stage 1	Drainage channels and stormwater drains	Works commenced in October 2020 and completed in March 2023	22.1	10.5	1.2
	Drainage improvement works at Yuen Long – stage 2	Drainage channels and stormwater drains	Works commenced in May 2023 and are anticipated to be completed in 2027	40.0	145.6	203.8
	Yuen Long Barrage Scheme	A barrage, a stormwater pumping station, flood walls and drainage channels	Works commenced in May 2023 and are anticipated to be completed in 2030	157.9	535.8	688.7

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				2023-24	2024-25	2025-26 (Revised Estimate)
Tai Po	Drainage improvement works in Tai Po – phase 1	A flood storage tank, a stormwater pumping station, flood walls, drainage channels and stormwater drains	Works commenced in August 2024 and are anticipated to be completed in 2029	-	26.0	156.6
Sha Tin and Sai Kung	Drainage improvement works in Sha Tin and Sai Kung – phase 1	A flood storage tank, a stormwater pumping station, flood walls, drainage channels and stormwater drains	Works commenced in August 2024 and are anticipated to be completed in 2029	-	16.8	95.6

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