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Question:

What are the timetables and expenditures for the revitalisation of Lam Tsuen River in Tai Po, Tai Wai nullah and Fo Tan nullah?

Asked by: Hon CHAN Hak-kan (LegCo internal reference no.: 67)

Reply:

The Drainage Services Department (DSD) is currently undertaking river revitalisation works for Lower Lam Tsuen River near Kam Wo Bridge in Tai Po. The scope of works mainly includes the revitalisation of a river section of about 350 metres, the construction of a viewing deck, and associated landscaping and greening works, with an aim to enhancing the environment of the river section and its surroundings. The works commenced in January 2026, and are anticipated to be completed in 2027. The estimated expenditure for the project is about \$28 million. In addition, the DSD plans to commence the design of revitalisation works for a section of Lam Tsuen River near Mui Shue Hang Playground (located at the midstream near the Tai Po Tau area) in 2026-27. Upon completion of the detailed design and other relevant preparatory work, as well as district consultation, the DSD will commence the relevant works in due course. Upon completion of the detailed design, the DSD will estimate the relevant project cost and propose an implementation timetable.

As for the revitalisation of Tai Wai nullah and Fo Tan nullah, the DSD has engaged a consultancy firm to carry out the detailed design for these 2 projects. Upon completion of the detailed design and other relevant preparatory work (e.g. conducting district consultation), the DSD will commence the works in due course. The estimated expenditures involved in the detailed design for the revitalisation of Tai Wai nullah and Fo Tan nullah are about \$18.7 million and \$13.9 million respectively.

The Government will continue to take forward various projects in a steady and prudent manner, and will formulate the project implementation strategies and timetables in light of the progress of the projects and people's livelihood needs, as well as the priority and overall plan of the Government's various land development and infrastructure projects.

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