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Question:

One of the aims of the Drainage Services Department is to investigate, plan, design and construct sewer systems and sewage treatment and disposal facilities. However, the construction of sewerage systems for many villages in Yuen Long District lags far behind, while the status of trunk and branch sewer connections varies. In this connection, would the Government inform this Committee of the following:

- (a) please set out in tabular form the current status of trunk sewers for villages in Yuen Long District: (i) the length completed and in operation; (ii) the length under planning or construction, and the anticipated completion timetable; and (iii) the list of villages which have not yet commenced works or lack connections to trunk sewers, as well as the number of households concerned;
- (b) please set out in tabular form the current status of branch sewers for villages in Yuen Long District: (i) the length completed and in operation; (ii) the length under planning or construction, and the anticipated completion timetable; and (iii) the list of villages with trunk sewers completed but yet to be connected to branch sewers, as well as the number of households concerned;
- (c) whether the Government has shelved any village sewerage projects in Yuen Long District in the past 3 years; if yes, the reasons for that; and
- (d) the estimated expenditure on village sewerage; the construction cost per metre of trunk sewer; and the construction cost per metre of branch sewer?

Asked by: Hon CHONG Ho-fung (LegCo internal reference no.: 31)

Reply:

(a)&(b)

At present, Yuen Long District is provided with public sewers totalling about 160 kilometres in length, including trunk sewers and branch sewers, offering sewage services to Yuen Long Town and rural areas. In general, trunk sewers serve both urban and rural areas, and therefore the Drainage Services Department does not maintain separate records specifically on the lengths of trunk sewers or branch sewers for villages.

Current status of sewers for villages in Yuen Long District is as follows:

Progress	No. and name of village areas	Total length of sewers ^{Note 1}
Completed and in operation	17 Tai Tong Tsuen (part), Chung Sam Wai, Sai Tau Wai, Sai Pin Wai, Sha Chau Lei Tsuen (1), Tung Tau Wai, Tung Tau Wai San Tsuen, Lam Uk Tsuen, Nam Pin Wai (Yuen Long), Ying Lung Wai, Tong Yan San Tsuen, Chun Hing San Tsuen, Kwan Lok Sun Tsuen, Yeung Uk Tsuen (Ping Shan), Fuk Hing Tsuen, Tsoi Uk Tsuen and Kam Tin Shi (part)	About 37 km
Under construction (anticipated completion in 2028)	1 Tung Tau Tsuen (Shap Pat Heung)	About 1 km
Investigation study completed	29 Wong Nai Tun Tsuen, Pak Sha Tsuen, Ma Tin Tsuen, Tin Liu Tsuen, Lung Tin Tsuen, Muk Kiu Tau Tsuen, Ma Tin Pok, Sham Chung Tsuen, Shui Tsiu San Tsuen, Shung Ching San Tsuen, Hung Tso Tin Tsuen, Tai Kei Leng (1), Tai Kei Leng (2), Shui Tsiu Lo Wai, Nam Hang Tsuen, Yau Cha Po, Tong Tau Po Tsuen, Nga Yiu Tau (Shap Pat Heung), Shap Pat Heung (1), Shap Pat Heung (2), Tai Tong Tsuen (remaining parts), Ha Ko Po, Ko Po San Tsuen, Ko Po Tsuen (Kam Tin), Tsz Tong Tsuen (Kam Tin), Wing Lung Wai, Kam Tin San Tsuen, Tai Hong Wai and Kat Hing Wai	About 45 km

Note 1: The total length of sewers covers both village sewers and those connected to the existing sewerage systems.

The implementation of village sewerage projects is a lengthy process. Pre-construction work involves various procedures, including planning, feasibility study, detailed design, public consultation, gazettal and land resumption, etc. In addition, due to the intertwined land ownership of some villages, it is necessary to have thorough communication and the attainment of consensus with relevant stakeholders on the sewerage proposals and land resumption arrangements, before the projects can be taken forward in a progressive manner. Hence, it is difficult to draw up a concrete works schedule for the remaining village projects in Yuen Long District at this stage. The Government will continue to strengthen communication with stakeholders such as District Councils, Rural Committees, and village representatives, to plan and implement the village sewerage projects in an orderly manner.

(c)

In the past 3 years, the Government has not shelved any village sewerage projects in Yuen Long District.

(d)

In 2026-27, the estimated expenditure on village sewerage projects is around \$586 million, of which approximately \$8.5 million is for Yuen Long District.

As regards village sewerage projects in recent years, the average construction unit cost of sewers is about \$30,000 per metre (in September 2025 prices). However, as each project differs in site constraints, scope, and scale, the unit cost of individual sewer construction projects cannot be generalised.

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