

CONTROLLING OFFICER'S REPLY

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Programme: (1) Stormwater Drainage

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Question:

Systematic Drainage in the New Territories

It is learnt that in the New Territories, the Drainage Services Department (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. In this connection, would the Government inform this Committee of the length (in kilometres) of the channels in the New Territories at which river training works are yet to be carried out, and the anticipated completion date of the entire works project?

Asked by: Hon CHAN Yuet-ming (LegCo internal reference no.: 12)

Reply:

Since its establishment in 1989, the Drainage Services Department (DSD) has been formulating drainage master plans for 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.

Since 2008, the DSD has been conducting, in phases, reviews of the drainage master plans in the New Territories and implementing drainage improvement works for rural areas as planned to further reduce the flood risk of the areas. Currently, the DSD is carrying out 3 drainage improvement projects in North District and Yuen Long, the scope of which include providing facilities such as drainage systems, flood storage ponds, flood protection walls and barrages, involving stormwater drains measuring approximately 15 kilometres. The 3 projects are expected to be completed between 2027 and 2030. Moreover, the DSD is planning river training works for the remainder measuring about 5 kilometres.