

**CONTROLLING OFFICER'S REPLY**

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Head: (39) Drainage Services Department

Subhead (No. & title): (000) Operational Expenses

Programme: (1) Stormwater Drainage

Controlling Officer: Director of Drainage Services (MOK Wing-cheong)

Director of Bureau: Secretary for Development

Question:

It is stated under “Matters Requiring Special Attention in 2024–25” that the Government will continue with the planning and upgrading of the stormwater drainage systems and implement by stages the proposed improvement works, including doing design work and commencing construction works. In this connection, would the Government inform this Committee:

- (a) of the number of projects whose design work will be carried out and the number of projects that will commence in 2024-25; and of the estimated expenditure and manpower involved in these projects; and
- (b) whether the completed improvement schemes have proved effective; and of the annual expenditure on repair and maintenance?

Asked by: Hon CHAN Wing-yan, Joephy (LegCo internal reference no.: 16)

Reply:

The Drainage Services Department (DSD) has been striving to enhance the drainage capacity of stormwater drainage facilities throughout the territory. Replies to the questions raised by the Legislative Councillor are as follows:

- (a) The DSD is currently carrying out 11 drainage improvement projects. The total approved project estimate is \$10.919 billion. Moreover, there are 23 drainage improvement projects in planning and design stages. In 2024-25, the DSD will seek funding of about \$8 billion (in the prices of September 2023) for a total of 7 of these projects to facilitate the implementation of the drainage improvement works in relevant districts, including Mong Kok, Wong Tai Sin, Kwun Tong, Kowloon City, Eastern, Sha Tin, Sai Kung and Tai Po. On manpower, since the DSD will deploy its existing professional and technical staff to carry out the above-mentioned drainage improvement works in addition to their own duties, a breakdown of the manpower involved in the above-mentioned works is not available.
- (b) Over the years, the DSD have completed more than 90 drainage improvement projects, including about 110 kilometres of river training works, more than 90 kilometres of drains, 4 drainage tunnels totalling about 20 kilometres in length and 5 stormwater

storage schemes. These facilities have already come into operation. These improvement projects have proved effective in alleviating the flood risk over the territory. In 2023-24, the expenditure on repair and maintenance of drainage systems is about \$180 million.

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