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Programme: (1) Stormwater Drainage

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

Director of Bureau: Secretary for Development

Question:

Systematic Drainage and Sewage Disposal in the New Territories

It is learnt that the Drainage Services Department (DSD) has been formulating drainage master plans for rural areas and implementing long-term improvement measures, including river training works targeting flood-prone areas in the northern New Territories, village flood protection schemes to safeguard low-lying villages, as well as drainage improvement works in the New Territories. In this connection, will the Government inform this Committee of the following:

1. the progress of river training works and village flood protection schemes carried out by the DSD in the past year and the expenditure involved, as well as the outstanding works and anticipated completion dates of the entire works project and schemes; and
2. the progress of drainage improvement works in the New Territories in the past year and the expenditure involved.

Asked by: Hon CHAN Yuet-ming (LegCo internal reference no.: 14)

Reply:

The Drainage Services Department (DSD) has been striving to formulate drainage master plans for rural areas and implement long-term improvement measures. 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 concerned districts as planned to further reduce the flood risk of these areas. Currently, 5 drainage improvement projects in North District, Yuen Long District, Tai Po District, Sha Tin District and Sai Kung District are in progress and the scopes of works include construction of drainage systems, stormwater storage schemes, flood protection walls, barrage, etc. In the past year, the DSD also planned other drainage improvement works, including river training works and village flood protection scheme.

The respective progress, approved project estimate and expenditure (revised estimate) of the on-going drainage improvement works in the New Territories carried out by the DSD in 2024-25 are set out in the table below:

District	Project	Progress	Approved Project Estimate (\$ million)	2024-25 Expenditure (Revised Estimate) (\$ million)
North	Drainage improvement works at North District – phase 1	Works are in progress and anticipated to be completed in 2028	950	about 81
Yuen Long	Drainage improvement works at Yuen Long	Stage 1 works were completed in March 2023; Stage 2 works are in progress and anticipated to be completed in 2027	785	about 155
	Yuen Long Barrage Scheme	Works are in progress and anticipated to be completed in 2030	3,783	about 515
Tai Po	Drainage improvement works in Tai Po – phase 1	Works are in progress and anticipated to be completed in 2029	1,286	about 26
Sha Tin and Sai Kung	Drainage improvement works in Sha Tin and Sai Kung – phase 1	Works are in progress and anticipated to be completed in 2029	707	about 17

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