Examination of Estimates of Expenditure 2025-26

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CONTROLLING OFFICER'S REPLY

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<u>Head</u>: (39) Drainage Services Department

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<u>Controlling Officer</u>: Director of Drainage Services (MOK Wing-cheong)

<u>Director of Bureau</u>: Secretary for Environment and Ecology

Question:

During 2025-26, the Drainage Services Department will continue with the staged investigation, planning, design and construction works for the village sewerage, replacement and rehabilitation of sewerage systems and upgrading of sewerage systems. The relevant financial provision for 2025-26 is estimated to be \$3,220.5 million, which is 7.9% higher than the 2024-25 original estimate. In this connection, would the Government inform this Committee of:

- (a) the percentage of the provision allocated for the improvement of village sewerage;
- (b) the works regarding village sewerage in each of the past 5 years, including ongoing projects, new projects and projects yet to be carried out, as well as the anticipated completion timetable of such projects; and
- (c) the latest progress of the construction works of the sewerage projects for some villages in Kam Tin, Yuen Long, including whether the design work has been completed; the commencement date(s) of the projects; the names of the villages (in Kam Tin, Yuen Long) involved and the works timetable; and the expenditure involved in the works.

Asked by: Hon TIEN Puk-sun, Michael (LegCo internal reference no.: 36)

Reply:

- (a) The Drainage Services Department (DSD) is committed to providing excellent sewage collection, treatment and discharge services in Hong Kong. As the work concerning village sewerage forms part of the sewage services provided by the DSD, a separate breakdown of the estimated expenditure involved is not available.
- (b) The construction works of village sewerage projects which obtained funding approval from the Finance Committee of the Legislative Council over the past 5 years have already commenced.

Details of ongoing village sewerage projects in the past 5 years (excluding new projects in 2024-25), and the anticipated completion timetable are as follows:

Project No.	Project Title	Completion Year
4462DS	North District sewerage, stage 1 phase 2C and stage 2	2027
	phase 1 – village sewerage in Sheung Shui Heung	(tentative)
4457DS	North District sewerage stage 2 part 2A – village sewerage in Muk Wu, New Territories	2026 (tentative)
4353DS	Outlying Islands sewerage, stage 2 – extension of sewerage system to other unsewered villages in Mui Wo	
4355DS	Outlying Islands sewerage stage 2 – Lamma village sewerage phase 2, package 2	
4431DS	Port Shelter sewerage, stage 2, package 3	
4432DS	Port Shelter sewerage, stage 3, package 2	
4433DS	Construction of San Shek Wan Sewage Treatment Works and Pui O village sewerage	
Other minor	Village sewerage at Tai Tei Tong and Pak Ngan	
works items	Heung	
4358DS	Sewerage to Lo Wai, Chuen Lung and Kau Wa Keng Old Village	2025 (tentative)
4434DS	Village sewerage in Fanling Wai, So Kwun Po and	,
	Leng Pei Tsuen, Fanling	
4214DS	Tseung Kwan O sewerage for villages	2024
4362DS	Sewerage for Ma Yau Tong Village, Tseung Kwan O	
4430DS	Tolo Harbour sewerage of unsewered areas, stage 2 – phase 2	
4435DS	Village sewerage in Northern Tuen Mun	
Other minor works items	Village sewerage at Kam Tin Shi, Kam Tin	
Other minor	Provision of trunk sewer to three villages in Tai Po	
works items	including Ta Tit Yan, Yuen Tun Ha and Lo Lau Uk	
4398DS	Sewerage to Lei Yue Mun Village	2023
4403DS	Upgrading of sewage pumping stations and sewerage along Ting Kok Road	
4422DS	Outlying Islands sewerage stage 2 – Peng Chau village sewerage phase 2 package 1	
4423DS	North District sewerage stage 2 part 2A – village sewerage for Tong To	2022
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(Note: No village sewerage projects were completed in 2020 and 2021)

New projects in 2024-25 are as follows:

Project No.	Project Title	Completion
		Year
4461DS	Port Shelter sewerage, stage 2 – trunk sewers between	2032
	Marina Cove and Hong Kin Road	(tentative)
Other minor	Village sewerage at Tung Tau Tsuen, Shap Pat Heung,	2028
works items	Yuen Long	(tentative)

(c) To improve the environmental hygiene conditions in Kam Tin, Yuen Long, the DSD completed village sewerage projects for some areas in Kam Tin Shi last year. The DSD has also completed the investigation for village sewerage projects at another 8 villages (i.e. Ha Ko Po, Ko Po San Tsuen, Ko Po Tsuen, Tsz Tong Tsuen, Wing Lung Wai, Kam Tin San Tsuen, Tai Hong Wai and Kat Hing Wai) in Kam Tin. The Government will take into account various factors holistically, including the level of improvement to the environment by the projects, density of village population, preference of residents, technical feasibility, cost effectiveness and financial position, etc. in taking forward the projects concerned in a timely manner.

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