

**Replies to supplementary written questions raised by
Finance Committee Members in examining
the Draft Estimates of Expenditure 2001-02**

Bureau Secretary : Secretary for Works

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Bureau Serial No.

S-WB001

Question Serial No.

S017

Examination of draft Estimates of Expenditure 2001-02
CONTROLLING OFFICER'S REPLY TO
WRITTEN/SUPPLEMENTARY QUESTION

Head : 194 Water Supplies Department

Subhead (No. & title) :

Programme : (2) Water Quality Control

Controlling Officer : Director of Water Supplies

Bureau Secretary : Secretary for Works

Question :

During this morning's Special FC meeting, the Director admitted the Administration has no figures to back up claims that the Guangdong Authorities have done a lot to improve the quality of Dongjiang water, such as the additional number of water treatment plants that have been commissioned in the past few years, the number of polluting factories which have been closed down and the number of polluters which have been found guilty in court and the penalties they received. Will the Administration undertake to secure such statistics from the Guangdong Authorities?

Asked by : Hon Emily LAU Wai-hing

Reply :

Although not readily available at the Special FC Meeting on 21 March 2001, the Administration does have some facts and figures from the Guangdong Authorities to elaborate on their water quality improvement measures in the Dongjiang catchment.

The Guangdong Authorities have reported that in the past few years, a number of sizeable sewage treatment plants have been completed in Tangxia (塘厦), Yantian (雁田) and Pinghu (平湖). Also, a number of similar plants are under construction, including those in Huizhou (惠州), Dongguan (东莞) and Shenzhen (深圳). The Guangdong Authorities have also stepped up enforcement control over the pollution at source. A total of 130 polluting factories had been removed or closed, and 60 cooked food stalls and restaurants had been closed.

The Administration will continue to liaise closely with the Guangdong Authorities in reviewing their progress on pollution control. Reporting on the latest situation is a standing agenda item in various meetings relating to the supply of Dongjiang water.

The Administration will also make arrangements for Hong Kong government officials and members of the Advisory Committee on the Quality of Water Supplies to revisit the Dongjiang catchment and on-going projects. The last visit was conducted in August 2000.

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Hugh Phillipson

Post Title

Director of Water Supplies

Date

23 March 2001

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Bureau Serial No.

S-WB002

Question Serial No.

S054

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**CONTROLLING OFFICER'S REPLY TO
SUPPLEMENTARY WRITTEN QUESTION**

Heads : 56 – Works Bureau; 25 – Architectural Services Department;
39 – Drainage Services Department; 42 – Electrical and Mechanical Services Department;
43 – Civil Engineering Department; and 194 – Water Supplies Department

Programme : various

Controlling Officer : various

Bureau Secretary : Secretary for Works

Questions : What are the subjects of the consultancy studies in 2000-01 and 2001-02 referred to in the reply to Question No. WB027-0776?

Asked by : Hon Cyd HO Sau-lan

Reply : The details of the consultancy studies have now been expanded to include the subjects of the studies, as follows -

(1) Studies with financial provision in 2000-01

Description of Consultancy studies	Names of consultants	Consultancy fees (\$)	Status of consultancy studies
Consultancy study on electronic transactions in works departments*	Azeus Systems Ltd.	1,000,000	In progress
Strategic assessment and site selection study for contaminated mud disposal*	ERM Hong Kong Ltd.	590,000	In progress
Feasibility study on development of desalination facilities in Hong Kong*	CDM International Inc.	300,000	In progress

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(2) Studies with financial provision in 2001-02

Description of consultancy studies	Names of consultants (if available)	Estimated consultancy fees (\$)	Status of consultancy studies
Consultancy study on electronic transactions in works departments*	Azeus Systems Ltd.	4,000,000	In progress
Strategic assessment and site selection study for contaminated mud disposal*	ERM Hong Kong Ltd.	240,000	In progress
Feasibility study on development of desalination facilities in Hong Kong*	CDM International Inc.	2,700,000	In progress
Feasibility study on recycling effluent for potable and non-potable uses in Hong Kong	not yet available	1,700,000	Under planning
Feasibility study to maximize collection and storage of surface water in Hong Kong	not yet available	1,700,000	Under planning

* The studies being conducted in 2000-01 will run into 2001-02.

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Post Title Secretary for Works

Date 23 March 2001

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