

## **NOTE FOR PUBLIC WORKS SUBCOMMITTEE OF FINANCE COMMITTEE**

### **Supplementary information on 109CD – Drainage improvement in Sha Tin and Tai Po**

#### **INTRODUCTION**

In considering PWSC(2001-02)29 on **109CD** at the Public Works Subcommittee meeting held on 30 May 2001, Members requested and the Administration undertook to provide supplementary information on –

- (a) why the proposed investigations, impact assessments and detailed design could not be completed until May 2005 and whether the completion date could be advanced;
- (b) whether the proposed consultancy would also investigate the flooding problem in the vicinity of Wan Tau Tong Estate in Tai Po; and
- (c) whether it would be possible to implement the drainage and sewerage improvement works in Lam Tsuen area concurrently.

#### **THE ADMINISTRATION'S RESPONSE**

##### **Implementation programme of the project**

2. The scope of works of **109CD** includes construction of about 5 kilometres of drainage channels and upgrading of 8 kilometres of stormwater drains in Sha Tin and Tai Po. About 25% (in terms of total construction cost) of the project will not give rise to major land or significant environmental implications. We will complete the site investigations, traffic impact assessments and detailed design for these stormwater drains improvement works by December 2003.

3. The rest of the proposed drainage improvement works, covering mainly the river training works and constituting about 75% of the total construction cost, is classified as a designated project under the Environmental Impact Assessment Ordinance and requires land resumption. We will have to go through all the necessary statutory procedures; thus, more time will be required. Detailed design for these parts of the works can only be completed by May 2005.

4. We have formulated the implementation programme with due regard to the potential difficulties of the project. Nevertheless, we would endeavour to accelerate implementation of the drainage improvement works.

#### **Drainage improvement works in the vicinity of Wan Tau Tong Estate**

5. The drainage master plan study for Shatin and Tai Po, commissioned in January 1998 and completed in October 1999, has identified that the capacity of the drainage system in the vicinity of Wan Tau Tong Estate was adequate except some sections of Nam Wan Road and Wan Tau Street because of inadequate road gullies. To tackle the flooding problems, we installed 25 additional gullies in these sections of roads at the end of 1998. We will continue to monitor the drainage situation there and will carry out necessary operation and maintenance works to ensure that the drainage system and its inlets are functioning properly.

#### **Drainage and sewerage improvement works in Lam Tsuen**

6. We are currently reviewing the scope and the implementation programme of the sewerage works covered by the Tolo Harbour sewerage master plan including the Lam Tsuen area. The review will take into account latest developments within the catchments and capitalise on the experience gained from implementing other village sewerage works. It will be substantially completed by the end of 2001. If we need to improve the sewerage works in the Lam Tsuen area, we would, after obtaining authorisation, embark on the exercise as soon as possible. We would make the best effort to carry out the drainage and sewerage improvement works in the area concurrently to reduce disruption to the public.

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