

**Replies to supplementary questions raised by Finance Committee Members  
in examining the Estimates of Expenditure 2004-05**

**Director of Bureau: Secretary for the Environment, Transport and Works**

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

S-ETWB(ET)001

Head : 22 - Agriculture, Fisheries and Conservation Department

Question Serial No.

Programme : (2) Nature Conservation and Country Parks

S041

Controlling Officer : Director of Agriculture, Fisheries and Conservation

Director of Bureau : Secretary for the Environment, Transport and Works

Question : How much resources have been earmarked for inspection of marine parks and marine reserves? What measures will be taken to prevent the intrusion of non-local vessels into these parks and reserves?

Asked by : Hon. WONG Yung-kan

Reply :

In year 2004-05, an amount of \$16.7 million has been reserved for the protection and management of marine parks under recurrent expenditure.

Marine park wardens patrol the marine parks and marine reserve on a daily basis in irregular hours, including night patrols to combat illegal activities. Enforcement actions are taken against vessels fishing in the marine parks and marine reserve without a valid permit. To prevent Mainland vessels from fishing in the marine parks and marine reserve, AFCD has been working closely with the Marine Police including conducting joint enforcement actions and enhancing prosecution actions against Mainlanders found illegal fishing in these areas where appropriate. AFCD also maintains close contact with the Mainland Authorities on the issue and provides them with information on Mainland fishermen and vessels intruding into the marine parks and marine reserve for illegal fishing with a view to increasing the deterrent effect.

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Post Title	Director of Agriculture, Fisheries and Conservation
Date	7 April 2004

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

Reply Serial No.

S-ETWB(ET)002

Head : CWRP Head 704 - Drainage      Subhead (No. & title) :

Question Serial No.

Programme :

SV001

Controlling Officer : Director of Drainage Services

Director of Bureau : Secretary for the Environment, Transport and Works

Question : The number of villages which have not been provided with sewage connections to the central sewage treatment facilities and the plans to implement them. (Reply Serial No. ETWB(ET)018).

Asked by : Hon. CHAN Wai-yip, Albert

Reply : About 95% of our population is at present served by public sewerage. The 5% not provided with public sewerage are mostly residents in the rural areas of NT, the majority of them are served by private sewage treatment facilities such as septic tanks. Under the village sewerage programme, 52 villages have been provided with public sewerage, and construction of sewerage for a further 57 villages are underway for completion by 2006. We are reviewing the strategy and programme of providing sewerage to some 370 villages which have previously been identified for possible connection.

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Date \_\_\_\_\_ 7 April 2004