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Clerk to Panel  
Panel on Environmental Affairs  
Legislative Council  
Legislative Council Complex  
1, Legislative Council Road  
Central, Hong Kong  
(Attn: Ms. Shirley Chan)

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Dear Ms. Chan,

**Panel on Environmental Affairs**

**5054DP – Further enhancing quality of coastal waters of Victoria Harbour**

I refer to the meeting of the Panel on Environmental Affairs on 24 November 2014 at which Members requested the Administration to provide further information. Our response is set out as follows:-

- (a) provide a flow chart (with estimated time required) to illustrate the steps and procedures for conducting field surveys, environmental monitoring and investigations under the proposed study on further enhancing the quality of coastal waters of Victoria Harbour, and the total number of man-hours required for the entire process;

We estimate that the field surveys, environmental monitoring and investigations require about 175,000 man-hours (equivalent to 889 man-months based on the assumption of 8 hours/work day and 295 days/year). A flow chart is enclosed in Annex for Members' reference.

- (b) provide the number of prosecution cases involving malpractices of illegal discharge of polluted flow into the coastal waters of Victoria Harbour; and

The Environmental Compliance Division of the Environmental Protection Department (EPD) enforces the Water Pollution Control Ordinance (WPCO, CAP. 358) to regulate malpractices of illegal discharge of polluted flow into the coastal waters of Victoria Harbour. In this relation, a total of 16 prosecution cases were recorded in the past three years (four in 2012, six in 2013 and six in 2014).

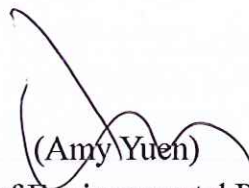
- (c) provide information on cases where mis-connections in the sewerage and drainage systems in old buildings have been rectified through the concerted effort of the Environmental Protection Department, the Home Affairs Department and the District Councils.

Rectification of mis-connections in the sewerage and drainage systems of buildings is an ongoing task of EPD. The number of cases rectified in harbour areas is summarised as follows:

Year of identification	Number of cases rectified [Position as at December 2014]
2012	30
2013	39
2014	28
Total	97

For rectification of mis-connections, EPD is collaborating with relevant parties including Home Affairs Department (HAD), District Councils (DCs), Buildings Department, Housing Department and the owners or Owners' Corporations of the buildings concerned. Among the 97 mis-connections rectified in the past three years, 11 of them (two in 2012, five in 2013 and four in 2014) were completed through the concerted efforts of HAD and DCs.

Yours sincerely,



(Amy Yuen)

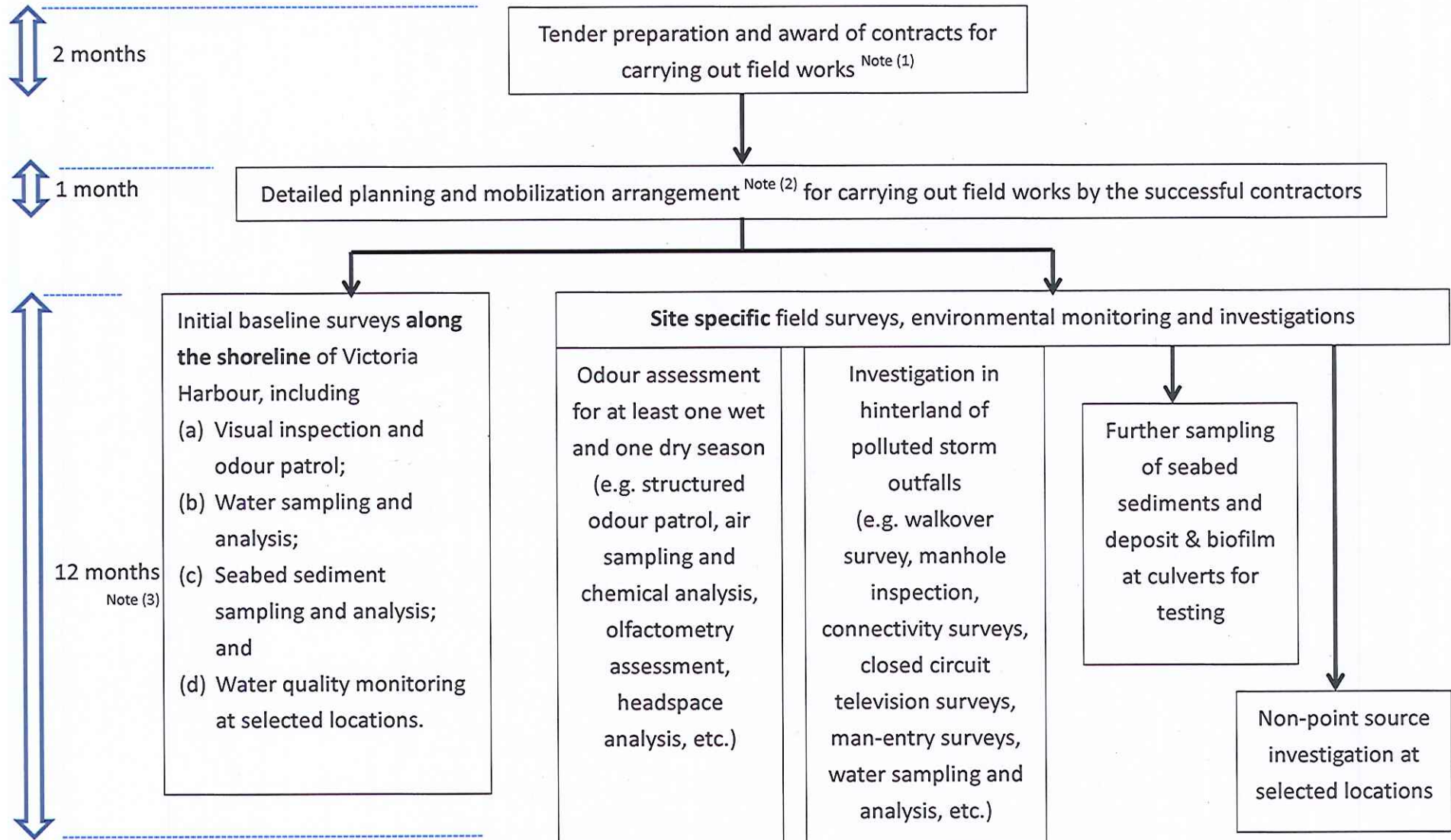
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**Flow Chart for field surveys, environmental monitoring and investigations**





Notes:

- (1) Field works include all field surveys, environmental monitoring and investigations.
- (2) Examples of detailed planning and mobilization arrangement include review of all available data, site familiarization, selection of suitable methodologies, preparation of proposal for surveys, monitoring and investigations, liaison with relevant parties (e.g. police for traffic diversion, laboratories for sample analysis arrangement, suppliers for necessary field equipment, etc.).
- (3) Exact time and details of field works will be subject to actual conditions under the proposed consultancy study.