

Examination of Estimates of Expenditure 2012-13

**CONTROLLING OFFICER'S REPLY TO  
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Head : 39 – Drainage Services Department     Subhead :

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Controlling Officer : Director of Drainage Services

Director of Bureau : Secretary for Development

Question :

Please advise on the progress of the construction of the Happy Valley Underground Stormwater Storage Scheme (the Scheme). At present, there are many locals who still have reservations and even objections to the construction of the Scheme. Please provide details on the resources to be allocated and the measures to be taken to maintain communication with the locals.

Asked by :                             Hon. CHAN Tanya

Reply :

The implementation of the Happy Valley Underground Stormwater Storage Scheme is progressing as scheduled. Construction works already commenced in September 2011 and will be completed, in phases, by early 2018. Prior to commencement of the works, we have conducted thorough consultation with the public including consultation with the Wan Chai District Council (WCDC) and its area committees, parents and teachers of a nearby primary school, and separate meeting sessions with the residents in Wan Chai in 2011.

We have formed a public relations (PR) team, led by a chief engineer with members from the project and site supervisory staff. In addition, the contractor has also appointed a PR officer to support local communications. The PR team will continue to maintain close communications with the locals on a regular basis via different channels including newsletters and meetings with the locals throughout the construction period to update them on the progress of works and exchange views on arrangements to further minimise the inconvenience to the public. In the coming months, we plan to meet with the members of the WCDC and its area committees to further update them on the progress of the works, and will organize another meet-the-public session with the residents in Wan Chai.

Signature \_\_\_\_\_

Name in block letters    CHAN Chi-chiu                           

Post Title    Director of Drainage Services                           

Date    15 March 2012