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Question:

Regarding the relocation of Sha Tin sewage treatment works to caverns, please advise this Committee on -

- 1) the current progress of the preliminary and detailed design of the relocation works;
- 2) when the Government will carry out the impact assessments on, inter alia, environment, traffic, geotechnical works, utilities and blasting, including the consultation with residents nearby and District Council(s); and
- 3) the expected commencement date, completion date, estimated expenditure and number of posts to be created for the above works.

Asked by: Hon TANG Ka-piu (Member Question No. 38)

Reply:

- 1) The project for the investigation and design work for the relocation of Sha Tin sewage treatment works to caverns commenced in September 2014. We are now conducting the detailed technical and impact assessments and planning to start ground investigation works in the third quarter of 2015.
- 2) During the feasibility study stage, we had carried out preliminary impact assessments on various aspects including environment, traffic, geology and blasting, etc. and disseminated the outcome to the public in the second-stage public engagement conducted in 2013. We will continue to communicate with the local residents, the Sha Tin District Council and other stakeholders to keep them informed of the latest project information and consult them on the detailed technical and impact assessments at an appropriate time.

- 3) We will estimate the project cost and programme, and assess the number of posts to be created when more details on the design are available.

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