

Examination of Estimates of Expenditure 2003-04
**CONTROLLING OFFICER'S REPLY TO
WRITTEN/SUPPLEMENTARY QUESTION**

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Head : 711- Housing

Subhead (No. & title) : B127WC-Mainlaying within
development near Choi Wan
Road and Jordan Valley

Programme :

Controlling Officer : Director of Water Supplies

Director of Bureau : Secretary for Housing, Planning and Lands

Question :

1. After the approval of the above item, the cumulative expenditure up to 31 March 2002 is only \$54,000. As the revised estimate for 2002-03 is only \$110,000 and the estimate for 2003-04 is \$1,100,000, what is the reason for the great difference between the expenditure and the Approved Project Estimate of \$79,900,000?
2. What is the anticipated completion date of the project?

Asked by : Hon. LI Ka-cheung, Eric

Reply :

1. This item covers the mainlaying works within the boundary of Civil Engineering Department's project B564CL "Development near Choi Wan Road and Jordan Valley". The mainlaying works are incorporated into the site formation and associated infrastructure contract (Contract No. CV/2000/06) under B564CL which commenced in November 2001 and is scheduled for completion in mid 2006.

According to the contractor's programme, the mainlaying works will be carried out during the later part of the contract period from 2004 to 2005 after majority of the site formation works is completed. The expenditures up to now are mainly for consultant's fee which is small in relation to the approved project estimate. The majority of the expenditure under the item will occur during financial year 2004-05 and 2005-06 when the mainlaying works are carried out.

2. The anticipated completion date of the project is December 2005.

Signature _____

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Date 20 March 2003