

**CONTROLLING OFFICER'S REPLY TO  
INITIAL WRITTEN QUESTION**

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Question Serial No.

2685

Head: 708 – Capital Subventions and Major Systems and Equipment

Subhead: 8066MM Provision of a general out-patient clinic, an integrated community mental health support services centre and a long stay care home in Tin Shui Wai Area 109

Programme :

Controlling Officer : Director of Architectural Services

Director of Bureau : Secretary for Food and Health

Question : The Administration indicates that the approved project estimate for the provision of a general out-patient clinic, an integrated community mental health support services centre and a long stay care home in Tin Shui Wai Area 109 is \$430.2 million while the estimated expenditure in 2009-2010 is only \$10 million. What is the timetable for using the remaining \$420.2 million? How can the project be expedited so as to provide service to the local residents as soon as possible?

Asked by : Hon. LAU Sau-shing, Patrick

Reply : In order to commence construction works quickly, the project “Provision of a general out-patient clinic, an integrated community mental health support services centre and a long stay care home in Tin Shui Wai Area 109” is being procured by means of design-and-build contract. Contract is to be commenced in June 2009 and to be completed by December 2011. We have already expedited the project and advanced the project from its original scheduled completion date of 2012, after exploring with departments concerned and having regard to the relevant legal and administrative procedures. Based on the expedited construction schedule, out of the approved project estimate of \$430.2 million, \$10 million is expected to be incurred in 2009-10, and the remaining \$420.2 million is expected to be incurred in 2010-11 and thereafter.

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