

**CONTROLLING OFFICER'S REPLY**

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Question:

The provision for Programme (3) Energy Efficiency and Conservation, and Alternative Energy of the Electrical and Mechanical Services Department (EMSD) has decreased by 7.8% to \$399.3 million, as compared with the revised estimate for 2025-26. Please inform this Committee of the latest progress made by the EMSD in implementing district cooling systems in new development areas such as Kwu Tung North, Fanling North, Hung Shui Kiu and Tung Chung, and the estimated recurrent expenditure and capital works expenditure in 2026-27.

Asked by: Hon LAMPORT Jonathan Stuart (LegCo internal reference no.: 3)

Reply:

The construction of the chiller plant of District Cooling System at Kwu Tung North (KTN DCS) Phase 1 is expected to complete and commence operation in the third quarter of 2026, with a view to supplying chilled water to nearby user buildings. The DCS at Tung Chung New Town Extension (East) (TCE DCS), with its chiller plant substructure and superstructure works proceeding as scheduled, is expected to commence operation upon completion of such works at the end of 2027.

The entire project of DCS at Hung Shui Kiu/Ha Tsuen (HSK/HT DCS) is divided into 2 stages. The first stage mainly involves the laying of underground chilled water pipes, with the relevant preliminary works (such as ground investigation) already commenced. As for the construction works of the chiller plant and connection facilities under the second stage, the Government will seek approval of necessary funding from the Finance Committee of the Legislative Council in due course. The total estimated capital works expenditure for the above 3 projects in 2026-27 is \$1,004.9 million. The estimated recurrent expenditure for the KTN DCS in 2026-27 is \$39.85 million. As the TCE DCS and HSK/HT DCS will not come into operation until a later date, the respective recurrent expenditures are not currently available.

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