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Question:

What are the estimated expenditures and work plans for the new items “871 Replacement of stage automation system at Auditorium of Yuen Long Theatre”, “872 Replacement of air cooled chillers and associated chilled water pump systems of air conditioning system at Choi Hung Road Badminton Centre”, “873 Replacement of chiller system at Tseung Kwan O Public Library”, “876 Replacement of chiller system at Yuen Long Theatre” and “884 Replacement of telescope system at iObservatory”? Why are funding applications for these new items submitted to the Legislative Council together with the Appropriation Bill for approval? Even if the above is not a new arrangement, why are the applications not submitted to the Finance Committee of the Legislative Council separately?

Asked by: Hon CHEUNG Chiu-hung, Fernando (LegCo internal reference no.: 808)

Reply:

The work plans and estimated expenditures for the above new items are as follow:

- 871 - “Replacement of stage automation system at Auditorium of Yuen Long Theatre” project. Works will commence in mid-2020 at an estimated expenditure of \$70 million.
- 872 - “Replacement of air cooled chillers and associated chilled water pump systems of air conditioning system at Choi Hung Road Badminton Centre” project. Works will commence in mid-2020 at an estimated expenditure of \$12.528 million.
- 873 - “Replacement of chiller system at Tseung Kwan O Public Library” project. Works will commence at the end of 2021 at an estimated expenditure of \$13 million.
- 876 - “Replacement of chiller system at Yuen Long Theatre” project. Works will commence in mid-2020 at an estimated expenditure of \$19.74 million.

884 - “Replacement of telescope system at iObservatory” project. Works will commence in mid-2020 at an estimated expenditure of \$18 million.

The arrangement to include in the draft Estimates funding proposals for creating commitments or increasing expenditure ceilings for approved commitment items under the General Revenue Account for scrutiny and approval by the Legislative Council in the context of the Appropriation Bill is in line with the requirements under sections 5 and 6 of the Public Finance Ordinance. The Government explained the relevant arrangements to the Finance Committee in early 2015. We have included the necessary provision for these proposals under the respective head and sub-head of expenditure to facilitate Members’ consideration.

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