

Smart tunnel working well

THE Stormwater Management and Road Tunnel (Smart) system has prevented seven potentially disastrous flash floods in the city centre.

Natural Resources and Environment Minister Datuk Seri Douglas Uggah Embas said since it started operations in 2007, the tunnel had been used 114 times to divert excess water from Sungai Klang and Sungai Ampang to the pond in Kampung Berembang.

“The water was channelled to the tunnel before it was released to Sungai Kerayong, and subsequently, to Sungai Klang,” said Douglas.

He said that the tunnel channelled 0.9 million cubic metres of water on Nov 13, 2007; 1.2 million cubic metres on March 22, 2008; 0.9 million cubic metres on April 21, 2008; 1.048 million cubic metres on May 21, 2008; 1.16 million cubic metres on Sept 4, 2008; 0.7 million cubic metres on March 3, last year and 1.5 million cubic metres on March 13 last year.

He was replying to Senator Ng Fook Heng, who asked the number of times the Smart system was used and whether if it was effective in preventing flash floods in Kuala Lumpur.