

**CONTROLLING OFFICER'S REPLY****DEVB(PL)152****(Question Serial No. 2544)**

Head: (91) Lands Department

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Director of Bureau: Secretary for Development

Question (Member Question No. 49):

Will the Administration inform this Committee of:

- (1) the funding and manpower involved in land resumption at Choi Yuen Tsuen in Shek Kong and Chuk Yuen Tsuen in North District, which has caused much dispute in the course of resumption;
- (2) the total expenditure on compensation, the number of persons or households compensated, the method(s) of compensation, and the highest, median and lowest rates of compensation for each person/household in the above land resumption exercise?

Asked by: Hon. CHAN Han-pan

Reply:

- (1) The land resumption and clearance at Choi Yuen Tsuen in Shek Kong commenced in 2009-10 and was completed in 2011-12. The manpower and the associated funding involved are shown in the table below:

Financial year	Number of staff involved	Approx. funding for staff involved (million)
2009-10	22	\$9.19
2010-11	28	\$11.27
2011-12	22	\$9.94
	Total	\$30.4

The land resumption and clearance at Chuk Yuen Tsuen in North District commenced in 2012-13 and is still on-going. The manpower and the associated funding involved are shown in the table below:

Financial year	Number of staff	Approx. funding for staff involved (million)
2012-13	21	\$9.23
2013-14	21	\$9.56
	Total	\$18.79

- (2) Up to end of February 2014, the total expenditure for the land resumption and clearance at Choi Yuen Tsuen in Shek Kong and Chuk Yuen Tsuen in North District were about \$255.09 million and \$194.79 million respectively and are funded under Head 701 of the Capital Works Reserve Fund. The total expenditure incurred includes compensation for the land interest resumed and ex-gratia allowances payable under prevailing policies to eligible occupants affected by the land resumption and clearance. A breakdown of the expenditure incurred is as follows:

(i) Choi Yuen Tsuen in Shek Kong:

	Compensation for land interest resumed (about)	EGAs payable under prevailing policies (about)
Total expenditure	\$160.65 million	\$94.44 million
Approx. amount per case/person:		
Highest	\$22.3 million	\$1.46 million
Median	\$2.98 million	\$0.25 million
Lowest	\$0.35 million	\$136

(ii) Chuk Yuen Tsuen in North District:

	Compensation for land interest resumed (about)	EGAs payable under prevailing policies (about)
Total expenditure	\$172.22 million	\$22.57 million
Approx. amount per case/person:		
Highest	\$28.62 million	\$1.77 million
Median	\$2.31 million	\$12,478
Lowest	\$6,828	\$123