

**CONTROLLING OFFICER'S REPLY****DEVB(PL)155****(Question Serial No. 2278)**

Head: (91) Lands Department

Subhead (No. & title): (221) Clearance of government land – ex-gratia allowances

Programme: (1) Land Administration

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Director of Bureau: Secretary for Development

Question (Member Question No. 16):

1. Regarding clearance of government land – ex-gratia allowances, please provide in the table below the projects and expenditures involved in the past three years.

Financial Year	Project	Expenditure involved

2. The expenditure on clearance of government land – ex-gratia allowances is estimated to be \$1,089,000 in 2014-15. Please provide in the table below the projects and expenditures to be involved.

Project	Expenditure involved

3. Could the Administration inform this Committee of the basis on which the estimated expenditure of \$1,089,000 is made?

Asked by: Hon. FAN Kwok-wai, Gary

Reply:

1. The projects and expenditures involved in the financial years 2011-12, 2012-13 and 2013-14 are tabulated below:

Financial Year	Project	Ex-gratia allowances (\$ million)
2011-12	(a) Clearance on grounds of slope safety in Tsuen Wan and Kwai Tsing (b) Clearances for improvement works on slopes in Tsuen Wan and Kwai Tsing (c) Clearance for land disposal in Tuen Mun and Yuen Long	0.472
2012-13	(a) Clearance on grounds of slope safety on Hong Kong Island and in Sai Kung (b) Clearance for improvement works on slopes in Tsuen Wan and Yuen Long (c) Clearance for land disposal in Tuen Mun	0.117
2013-14 (up to end of February 2014)	(a) Clearance for environmental improvement on Hong Kong Island and in Kowloon (b) Clearance for improvement works on slopes in Kwai Tsing and Sha Tin (c) Clearance for land disposal in Sha Tin	0.519

2. The provisions of \$1.089 million in 2014-15 for ex-gratia allowances payable to persons cleared from government land are listed below:

Project	Ex-gratia allowances (\$ million)
(a) Clearance for land disposal in North District and Tuen Mun	0.819
(b) Clearance for environmental improvement on Hong Kong Island	0.030
(c) Contingency to cater for other non-development clearances	0.240

3. The ex-gratia allowances of \$1.089 million is estimated having regard to the area of government land to be cleared, the estimated number of structures involved and the estimated number of clearances that will be affected.