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Question (Member Question No. 33):

It is estimated that as many as 3 834 structures will be cleared in programmed development clearances and emergency clearances in 2014, the number of which is far higher than the actual figures in the past. Why is there a substantial increase in the estimated figure? How many development clearances and surveyed squatter structures are involved? How many squatters will be affected?

Asked by: Hon. LEUNG Che-cheung

Reply:

The increase is mainly due to the re-scheduling to 2014-15 of clearance projects originally planned for 2013-14. Within the estimated figure of 3 834, the majority is attributable to 24 development clearance projects under planning, covering an estimated number of about 3 600 surveyed squatter structures. The number of households affected will be ascertained after the completion of pre-clearance surveys prior to implementation of these projects.