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Question (Member Question No. 11):

Regarding the changes in the figures of Land Acquisition Indicators under this Programme:

1. Why is there a substantial decrease in the area of land resumed from 55.88 hectares (ha) in 2012 to 3.9 ha in 2013 for Public Works Programme projects?
2. Why is there a decrease in the number of property interests acquired from 1 191 in 2012 to 399 in 2013 for urban renewal projects?

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Reply:

1. The 3.9 hectares (ha) of land resumed in 2013 is to meet the land requirement of projects implemented in 2013. The larger area resumed in 2012 is mainly due to the implementation of major projects such as Liantang / Heung Yuen Wai Boundary Control Point and Associated Works (41.77 ha), Regulation of Shenzhen River Stage Four – river channel and ancillary road works (6.4 ha), Hong Kong – Zhuhai – Macao Bridge Hong Kong Boundary Crossing Facilities (3.03 ha), and Hong Kong – Zhuhai – Macao Bridge Hong Kong Link Road (1.17 ha).
2. The reason for the decrease is due to the implementation of five urban renewal projects in 2013 involving resumption of a smaller number of property interests than those of three urban renewal projects in 2012.