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Question (Member Question No. 225):

Regarding the preparatory work on resumption and clearance of land required for proposed new projects such as formation of housing sites and their associated works in Tuen Mun Area 54, and the New Development Areas (NDAs) in Kwu Tung North and Fanling North, what preparatory work is to be undertaken by the Administration and what is the timetable for land resumption and clearance? Given that the planning of the North East New Territories NDAs is still under deliberation by the Town Planning Board, will the Administration "jump the gun" with the resumption and clearance work? If yes, what are the expenditure and additional manpower involved respectively?

Asked by: Hon. CHEUNG Chiu-hung, Fernando

Reply:

For the project in Tuen Mun Area 54, the preparatory work for land resumption and clearance required in 2014 includes seeking approval to the land resumption and gazettal of resumption notices in accordance with the procedures required under the relevant ordinances, planning for land clearance, assessment of compensation offers and following up on rehousing arrangements for eligible occupants. According to plan, we will resume and clear the land required for the project in the second half of 2014.

For the Kwu Tung North and Fanling North New Development Areas project (the Project), as it will be implemented in phases, land resumption and clearance will be scheduled to meet the development programme of each phase of the Project. Preparatory work for land resumption in 2014 covers various aspects such as providing input on various consultancy studies in connection with the Project, examining and updating ownership/occupation status of land affected, identifying affected items and features such as burial ground, graves and urns (kam taps), etc. About 36 staff involving an estimated expenditure of \$14 million will be deployed in 2014-15 to undertake such preparatory work.

Actual land resumption and clearance for the Project will take place only after the Project is approved in accordance with the established statutory and administrative procedures.