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Head: (91) Lands Department
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Programme: (1) Land Administration
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Question (Member Question No. 227):

Regarding clearance of government land – ex-gratia allowances, could the Administration provide details of the actual expenditure and the projects involved in 2013? As to the estimated expenditure in 2014, does it include any provision for the North East New Territories New Development Areas Project?

Asked by: Hon. CHEUNG Chiu-hung, Fernando

Reply:

In the financial year of 2013-14 (up to end of February 2014), ex-gratia allowances in the sum of \$0.519 million had been paid for the following clearances of government land:

- (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; and
- (c) clearance for land disposal in Sha Tin.

The estimated expenditure in the financial year of 2014-15 does not include any provision for the clearance of government land arising from the Kwu Tung North and Fanling North New Development Areas Project (the North East New Territories New Development Areas (NDAs) project has been revised. The Kwu Tung North and Fanling North NDAs will be taken forward first, while the Ping Che/Ta Kwu Ling NDA will be replanned and is included in the new study on New Territories North.) which, being a public works project, falls under a different expenditure item. No government land required for the Project is due for clearance in 2014-15.