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Question (Member Question No. 75):

Why is there a substantial increase in the number of structures cleared in programmed squatter clearances or emergency clearances from 812 in 2013 to the estimated figure of 3 834 in 2014? What are the estimated expenditure and manpower required by the Lands Department for handling the task in 2014-15?

Asked by: Hon. KWOK Ka-ki

Reply:

The increase is mainly due to the re-scheduling of clearance projects scheduled for 2013-14 to 2014-15. The manpower and expenditure involved in undertaking the clearance work in 2014-15 are estimated to be about 58 officers and \$25 million respectively.