

**CONTROLLING OFFICER'S REPLY****DEVB(PL)469****(Question Serial No. 6375)**Head: (701) Capital Works Reserve Fund: Land AcquisitionSubhead (No. & title): (-) Not SpecifiedProgramme: (-) Not SpecifiedControlling Officer: Director of Lands (Ms. Bernadette LINN)Director of Bureau: Secretary for DevelopmentQuestion (Member Question No. 272):

How much was spent on fung shui compensation arising from public works projects in the last five years; and of which how much was spent on "Tun Fu" payments?

Asked by: Hon. CHEUNG Chiu-hung, FernandoReply:

The Government has been paying "Tun Fu" Ex-gratia Allowance (EGA) to pre-1898 indigenous villages in the New Territories affected by public works projects to facilitate the villagers' performance of "Tun Fu" ceremonies to address their concerns relating to fung shui. The payment of the EGA helps facilitate timely completion of public projects. Claims for the EGA are handled by the Lands Department and the amounts of "Tun Fu" payments for the past five years are as follow:-

<b>Year</b>	<b>Amount</b>
2009-10	\$438,100
2010-11	\$1,278,000
2011-12	\$5,176,300
2012-13	\$407,400
2013-14 (up to end of February 2014)	\$1,100,000