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Question (Member Question No. 80):

In respect of railway projects completed and under construction, how many residents have been affected and how many claims have been made in the past five years? What are the expenditure and manpower involved for the Lands Department (Lands D) to undertake work on resumption and clearance, creation of easements and rights of temporary occupation, granting and administration of short-term tenancies and land allocations required for the West Island Line (WIL), the Hong Kong section of Guangzhou – Shenzhen – Hong Kong Express Rail Link (XRL), the South Island Line (East) (SIL(E)), the Kwun Tong Line Extension (KTE) and the Shatin to Central Link (SCL)? What are the estimated expenditure and manpower required for handling this task in 2014-15?

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Reply:

The number of residents affected by various railway projects is not available. The total number of claims submitted under the Railways Ordinance (Cap. 519) for various railway projects in the past five financial years (i.e. 2009-10 to 2013-14) is 497.

As from 2009-10, the total staff cost involved in the Lands D for handling land matters relating to the WIL, the XRL, the SIL(E), the KTE and the SCL is about \$206 million. An average of about 75 staff has been deployed to work on these five railway projects each year. For 2014-15, the estimated staff cost and number of staff in the Lands D for these duties are about \$52 million and 85 respectively.