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Question:

It is estimated that the total acquisition/clearance costs will amount to \$3.1 billion in the coming financial year, representing a substantial increase over the current year. What are the reasons for such an increase?

Asked by: Dr Hon LAU Wong-fat (Member Question No. 17)

Reply:

The increase in the estimated costs for acquisition of private land and clearance of government land in the financial year 2016-17 is mainly due to higher cashflow requirements for payments of compensation and ex-gratia allowances reflecting the implementation programmes of on-going and new public works projects including: (i) Penny's Bay Reclamation (\$1,061 million), (ii) Site Formation and Associated Infrastructure Works for Purpose-built Complex of Residential Care Homes for the Elderly in Area 29 of Kwu Tung North New Development Area (\$629 million), (iii) Liantang/Heung Yuen Wai Boundary Control Point and Associated Works (Connecting Road) (about \$184 million), (iv) Liantang/Heung Yuen Wai Boundary Control Point and Associated Works (Site Formation and Civil Works) (\$100 million), and (v) Yuen Long and Kam Tin Sewerage Treatment Upgrade – Upgrading of San Wai Sewage Treatment Works (about \$84 million), and about 90 other projects.

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