

**CONTROLLING OFFICER'S REPLY**

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Head: (91) Lands Department  
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Question:

The Lands Department will continue with the work on resumption and clearance of land for approved public projects and undertake preparatory work on resumption and clearance of land required for proposed new projects in 2016-17. In this connection, will the Government inform this Committee of the following:

- (1) What were the details of the clearance work in 2015-16? What was the expenditure involved?
- (2) What are the specific plans for 2016-17? What are the manpower required and the estimated expenditure?

Asked by: Hon James TIEN Pei-chun (Member Question No. 2)

Reply:

- (1) A total of about 1 915 structures were cleared in 2015-16 (up to the end of February 2016) for implementation of approved public projects which are mainly for sewerage, drainage, road, public housing and other public works. The total expenditure for land resumption and clearance in 2015-16 up to the end of February 2016 was about \$439 million.
- (2) In 2016-17, we plan to resume a total of 8.54 hectares of land and clear about 667 structures for implementation of public projects which are mainly for sewerage, drainage, road, public housing and other public works. The total estimated expenditure for land resumption and clearance in 2016-17 for all on-going and new projects is about \$2,738 million. It is estimated that around 240 officers would be involved in undertaking the land resumption and clearance work in 2016-17.

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