

**CONTROLLING OFFICER'S REPLY****DEVB(PL)110****(Question Serial No. 3220)**

Head: (91)Lands Department

Subhead(No. & title): (-) Not Specified

Programme: (1) Land Administration

Controlling Officer: Director of Lands(Ms Bernadette LINN)

Director of Bureau: Secretary for Development

Question:

With regard to assessing ex-gratia payments to primary producers in the agriculture and fisheries industries arising from development projects, please inform this Committee:

What was the total amount of ex-gratia payments disbursed to primary producers in the agriculture and fisheries industries arising from different development projects in the past three years (2013-14 to 2015-16)? What was the respective number of applications?

Asked by: Hon Steven HO Chun-yin (Member Question No. 51)

Reply:

The total amount of ex-gratia payments disbursed to farmers, fishermen and mariculturists affected by development projects and the respective number of applications involved in the past three financial years are tabulated below-

Financial year	Total amount of ex-gratia payments to affected farmers (\$ million) (about) [Number of Applications involved]	Total amount of ex-gratia payments to affected fishermen and mariculturists (\$ million) (about) [Number of Applications involved]
2013-14	35.1 [553]	62.2 [269]
2014-15	14.0 [200]	40.6 [702]
2015-16 (up to end of February 2016)	7.2 [245]	18.5 [1 043]

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