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Question:

The total acquisition/clearance costs relating to land acquisition will rise to \$3,184.5 million in 2016-17. What are the reasons and details of the increase? Have the development projects such as Kwu Tung North, Fanling North and the Wang Chau public housing development been included?

Asked by: Hon LEUNG Yiu-chung (Member Question No. 67)

Reply:

The increase in the estimated costs for acquisition of private land and clearance of government land in 2016 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), (v) Yuen Long and Kam Tin Sewerage Treatment Upgrade – Upgrading of San Wai Sewage Treatment Works (about \$84 million), and about 90 other projects. The costs attributable to Site Formation and Associated Infrastructure Works for Development at Wang Chau, Yuen Long are estimated at about \$17 million. The estimated land acquisition costs in 2016-17 do not include the costs of compensation and ex-gratia allowances for the main works of the Kwu Tung North and Fanling North New Development Areas Project.

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