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Question:

In last year's Estimates, the estimated number of structures cleared in programmed squatter clearances or emergency clearances in 2015 was 2 019, while the actual indicator in this year's Estimates is only 1 987; what are the reasons for the difference? Why is there a substantial decrease in the number of structures cleared in programmed squatter clearances or emergency clearances from 1 987 in 2015 to the estimated figure of 992 in 2016? What will be the estimated expenditure and manpower required for this task in 2016-17?

Asked by: Dr Hon KWOK Ka-ki (Member Question No. 55)

Reply:

The difference between the actual number of structures cleared in 2015 and the forecast is mainly due to the deferred implementation of some projects from 2015 to 2016. Except for the deferred projects, the projects in 2016 are not the same as those in 2015. Hence, the number of structures involved is different. The manpower and expenditure involved in undertaking the clearance work in 2016-17 are estimated to be 58 officers and \$27.57 million respectively.

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