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Question:

Regarding "land clearance", please advise on the average time taken to handle these cases.

Asked by: Dr Hon Fernando CHEUNG Chiu-hung (Member Question No. 575)

Reply:

The time required for processing programmed land clearance projects depends on a number of factors, including the statutory procedures and requirements, the size of the project, the number of occupiers involved, and settlement with the affected land owners and occupiers on compensation and rehousing. For clearance projects completed in 2015, the average time taken was about 19 months.

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