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Question:

Regarding the New Development Areas in the North East New Territories, please advise this Committee on:

1. the revised provision for the freezing survey in the preceding financial year and the expenditure in the next financial year together with the staffing level involved;
2. the progress of the freezing survey and its completion date; and
3. the population and number of households captured in the freezing survey and their geographical distribution.

Asked by: Dr Hon Fernando CHEUNG Chiu-hung (Member Question No. 587)

Reply:

1. The Lands Department conducted a freezing survey covering non-domestic and domestic structures in the proposed Kwu Tung North and Fanling North New Development Areas in 2013-14. Due to minor boundary adjustments, a supplementary survey was conducted in 2015-16. The surveys were conducted through temporary redeployment of existing staff. No separate provision was made in the 2015-16 estimates for this specific purpose.
2. The freezing survey was completed in January 2014 and the supplementary survey was conducted on 31 December 2015 and completed on the same day.

3. A total of about 1 570 households involving 4 400 persons living in the non-domestic or domestic structures were captured in the two surveys. About 640 households involving 1 600 persons were within the Fanling North New Development Area whilst about 930 households involving 2 800 persons were within the Kwu Tung North New Development Area.

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