

CONTROLLING OFFICER'S REPLY**DEVB(PL)469****(Question Serial No. 7126)**Head: (701) Capital Works Reserve Fund: Land AcquisitionSubhead (No. & title): (-) Not SpecifiedProgramme: (-) Not SpecifiedControlling Officer: Director of Lands (Ms Bernadette LINN)Director of Bureau: Secretary for DevelopmentQuestion:

How much was spent on fung shui compensation arising from public works projects in the past five years; and of which how much was spent on payments related to “Tun Fu”?

Asked by: Dr Hon Fernando CHEUNG Chiu-hung (Member Question No. 692)

Reply:

According to Rule 49 of the Finance Committee Procedures, special meetings of the Finance Committee are convened to examine the annual Estimates of Expenditure prepared by the Government in support of the Appropriation Bill.

*Expenditure charged to the Capital Works Reserve Fund do **not** form part of the Appropriation Bill. As such, questions relating to expenditure under the Fund are **not** relevant to the examination of the Estimates of Expenditure or the Appropriation Bill.*

The Lands Department (Lands D) has been paying “Tun Fu” Ex-gratia Allowance (EGA) to pre-1898 indigenous villages in the New Territories affected by public works projects to facilitate the villagers’ performance of “Tun Fu” ceremonies to address their concerns relating to fung shui. The payment of the EGA aims to facilitate timely completion of public projects. The amounts of “Tun Fu” EGA payments made by Lands D in the past five years are as follow:-

Year	Amount
2011-12	\$5,176,300
2012-13	\$407,400
2013-14	\$1,160,000
2014-15	\$1,728,792
2015-16 (up to end of February 2016)	\$379,400

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