

CONTROLLING OFFICER'S REPLY

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Question:

In respect of railway projects completed and under construction, how many residents have been affected and how many claims have been made in the past five years? What are the expenditure and manpower involved for the Lands Department (LandsD) to undertake work on land resumption and clearance, creation of easements and rights of temporary occupation, granting and administration of short-term tenancies and land allocations required for the West Island Line (WIL), the Hong Kong section of the Guangzhou-Shenzhen-Hong Kong Express Rail Link (XRL), the South Island Line (East) [SIL(E)], the Kwun Tong Line Extension (KTE) and the Shatin to Central Link (SCL)? What will be the estimated expenditure and manpower required for handling this task in 2016-17?

Asked by: Dr Hon KWOK Ka-ki (Member Question No. 59)

Reply:

The number of residents affected by various railway projects is not available. The total number of claims submitted under the Railways Ordinance (Cap 519) for various railway projects in the past five financial years (i.e. 2011-12 to 2015-16) is 248.

For the past five financial years up to 2015-16, the total staff cost involved in the LandsD for handling the land matters relating to the WIL, the XRL, the SIL(E), the KTE and the SCL is about \$211 million. An average of about 70 staff has been deployed to work on these five railway projects each year. For 2016-17, the estimated staff cost and the number of staff in the LandsD for these duties are about \$48 million and 74 respectively.

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