

CONTROLLING OFFICER'S REPLY

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Head: (91) Lands Department
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Question:

With regard to assessing ex-gratia payments to primary producers in the agriculture and fisheries industries arising from development projects, please inform this Committee:

- (a) What was the total amount of ex-gratia payments disbursed to primary producers in the agriculture and fisheries industries arising from different development projects in each of the past three years (2014-15 to 2016-17)? What was the respective number of applications? Please list the figures by development project.
- (b) What are the numbers of applications for ex-gratia allowance being processed and pending processing? Please advise when the processing of all applications is expected to be completed and payments disbursed.
- (c) What are the numbers of applications for ex-gratia allowance processed and the total amount of ex-gratia payments disbursed by the Government in each of the past three years (2014-15 to 2016-17)?

Asked by: Hon HO Chun-yin, Steven (Member Question No. 25)

Reply:

- (a) & (c) The total amount of ex-gratia payments disbursed to farmers, fishermen and mariculturists affected by different nature of projects and the respective number of applications involved in the past three financial years are tabulated below-

Ex-gratia payments disbursed to farmers, fishermen and mariculturists:

Nature of Projects	2014-15 (\$ million) (about) [Number of Applications involved]	2015-16 (\$ million) (about) [Number of Applications involved]	2016-17 (up to end February 2017) (\$ million) (about) [Number of Applications involved]
Sewerage Works	0.48 [48]	0.31 [42]	0.01 [2]
Road Works	13.45 [149]	0.81 [30]	0.59 [10]
Land Supply	0.06 [2]	7.06 [191]	0.36 [8]
Railways	0 [0]	0 [0]	1.20 [4]
Marine Works	40.60 [702]	18.50 [1 043]	10.40 [632]
Other Public Works	0.01 [1]	0.02 [5]	0.11 [1]
Total	54.60 [902]	26.70 [1 311]	12.67 [657]

- (b) For ex-gratia payments to farmers, fishermen and mariculturists, there were about 700 applications being processed as at end February 2017. It is expected that the processing of all these applications would be completed with payment disbursed on a progressive basis from 2017 to 2019.

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