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Question:

It is estimated that the total acquisition/clearance costs will be \$1.89 billion in 2017, representing a substantial increase over the actual expenditure in 2015 and 2016. What are the reasons?

Asked by: Hon LAU Ip-keung, Kenneth (Member Question No. 1)

Reply:

The increase in the estimated costs for acquisition of private land and clearance of government land in the financial year 2017-18 is mainly due to cashflow requirements for payments of compensation and ex-gratia allowances reflecting the implementation programmes of on-going and new public works projects including: (i) Penny's Bay Reclamation (\$1,061 million), (ii) Central-Wanchai Bypass and Island Eastern Corridor Link (\$187 million), and (iii) Liantang/Heung Yuen Wai Boundary Control Point and Associated Works (Connecting Road) (\$100 million), and about 80 other projects.

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