

**CONTROLLING OFFICER'S REPLY****DEVB(PL)321****(Question Serial No. 6056)**

Head: (91) Lands Department

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Programme: (1) Land Administration

Controlling Officer: Director of Lands (Ms Bernadette LINN)

Director of Bureau: Secretary for Development

Question:

Regarding "land clearance", please provide the number of cases completed and the actual expenditure in the past five years.

Asked by: Hon CHEUNG Chiu-hung, Fernando (Member Question No. 1171)

Reply:

A total of 192 land clearance exercises were completed in the past five years, as set out below-

<b>Financial year</b>	<b>Number of completed clearance exercises (including both clearances supporting development projects and emergency clearances)</b>
2012-13	55
2013-14	41
2014-15	39
2015-16	26
2016-17 (up to end of February 2017)	31

The amount of compensation payments on land resumption and clearance for public projects in the past five financial years is set out below-

<b>Financial year</b>	<b>Amount of compensation payments on land resumption and clearance for public projects</b>
2012-13	\$1,810 million
2013-14	\$1,657 million
2014-15	\$598 million
2015-16	\$657 million
2016-17 (up to end of February 2017)	\$220 million

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