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Question:

Regarding "land clearance", please advise on the average time taken to handle these cases.

Asked by: Hon CHEUNG Chiu-hung, Fernando (Member Question No. 1181)

Reply:

The time required for processing programmed land clearance supporting development projects depends on a number of factors, including the statutory procedures and requirements, the scale of the projects concerned, the number of occupiers involved, and discussions with the affected land owners and occupiers on compensation and rehousing. For such clearances completed in 2016, the average time taken from the confirmation of the clearance boundary to the completion of the clearance was about 37 months.

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