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Question:

What were the manpower for and expenditures/estimated expenditure on the naming of streets in the past three years and in 2017-18? Please provide a breakdown of the expenditure. What are the procedures for street naming?

Asked by: Hon YIU Chung-yim (Member Question No. 407)

Reply:

Currently, the Lands Department (Lands D) is responsible for the naming of streets in Hong Kong according to the Public Health and Municipal Services Ordinance (Cap. 132), Part XA Street Names. Street naming exercises include the naming of new streets, changing or deletion of existing street names, and revising the description of existing streets when there is a change in their alignment.

In general, upon receipt of a request for assigning a new name to a street from government departments or the public, Lands D will conduct a site inspection and check whether any suggested name would duplicate or closely resemble existing street names. Lands D will then come up with a proposal for circulation to the concerned government bureaux and departments and the related District Council for comments. When the naming proposal is finalised, Lands D will declare the street name via the "Street Name" notice in the Government Gazette. The Gazette Notice with plan is posted in the Hong Kong Central Library, related District Survey Office and Headquarters of Survey and Mapping Office of Lands D.

A street naming exercise involves a number of professional and technical grade officers in Lands D, including Land Surveyor, Cartographer, Survey Officer (Land) and Technical Officer (Cartographic) grades. As the officers involved are not designated solely to undertake street naming exercises, we are unable to provide a breakdown of manpower and expenditure spent solely on the work.

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