

CONTROLLING OFFICER'S REPLY

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Question:

Under Matters Requiring Special Attention in 2017-18, it is said that the Lands Department will continue with the handling of compensation claims in respect of railway projects; and undertake land administration work required for the Hong Kong section of the Guangzhou-Shenzhen-Hong Kong Express Rail Link (XRL), the South Island Line (East) (SIL(E)), the Kwun Tong Line Extension (KTE) and the Shatin to Central Link (SCL). In this connection, will the Government inform this Committee of the following:

- 1) What were the amounts of expenditures involved in the handling of compensation claims in respect of railway projects over the past five years? (Please provide a yearly breakdown.)
- 2) What items were included in the compensation claims?
- 3) Regarding the land administration work required for the XRL, the SIL(E), the KTE and the SCL, what is the staff establishment? What are the expenditures involved?

Asked by: Hon LAU Ip-keung, Kenneth (Member Question No. 5)

Reply:

- 1) The total amount of compensation paid in respect of compensation claims arising from railway projects in each of the past five years is as follows -

Financial Year	2012-13	2013-14	2014-15	2015-16	2016-17 (up to end-January 2017)
Total expenditure on compensation claims (about) (\$ million)	131	10	23	88	45

- 2) The expenditure covered, but was not limited to, compensation for the land resumed, rights of temporary occupation created and disturbance caused.
- 3) For the handling of the land administration work required for the XRL, SIL(E), KTE and SCL in 2017-18, the number of staff and staff cost involved are estimated at 58 and \$38 million respectively.

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