

**CONTROLLING OFFICER'S REPLY**

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Question:

In respect of railway projects completed and under construction, how many residents have been affected and how many claims have been made in the past five years? What are the expenditure and manpower involved in 2017-18 for the Lands Department to undertake work on land resumption and clearance, creation of easements and rights of temporary occupation, granting and administration of short-term tenancies and land allocations required for the Hong Kong section of the Guangzhou-Shenzhen-Hong Kong Express Rail Link and the Shatin to Central Link?

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Reply:

The number of residents affected by various railway projects is not available. The total number of claims received under the Railways Ordinance (Cap. 519) for various railway projects in the past five financial years (i.e. 2012-13 to 2016-17) is 150. For 2017-18, the estimated staff cost and the number of staff in the Lands Department for handling the land matters relating to the Hong Kong section of the Guangzhou-Shenzhen-Hong Kong Express Rail Link and the Shatin to Central Link are about \$24 million and 38 respectively.

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