

CONTROLLING OFFICER'S REPLY

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Question:

Regarding villagers who have been residing in such areas as Kwu Tung North and Long Valley that are to be developed into New Development Areas, what are the Government's staff establishment and estimates involved in compiling statistics on the village households and conducting freezing surveys in these areas? What will be the improvement initiatives in this regard this year?

Asked by: Hon CHENG Chung-tai (LegCo internal reference no.: 11)

Reply:

The staff establishment and expenditure on salaries of staff involved in undertaking clearance and related works for major land development projects including Kwu Tung North/Fanling North New Development Area (NDA) and Hung Shui Kiu NDA in 2019-20 are estimated to be 74 officers and about \$40 million respectively. No separate breakdown of staff and expenditure involved for individual tasks is available. We will continue to make efficient use of existing resources through flexible redeployment and consider engaging additional manpower resources, if required, in accordance with the established resource allocation mechanism.

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