

CONTROLLING OFFICER'S REPLY

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Head: (91) Lands Department
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Programme: (1) Land Administration
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Question:

Please set out the following:

1. The number of applications for agricultural resite, the number of successful applications, the area of land involved, and the amount of rehabilitation allowance payable to farmers arising from land acquisition for each and every public works project (including but not confined to Express Rail Link, Liantang Boundary Control Point, etc.) in the past ten years;
2. The number of farms and farmers affected, the area of agricultural land and active agricultural land involved, and the amount of crop compensation arising from land acquisition for each and every public works project (including but not confined to Express Rail Link, Liantang Boundary Control Point, etc.) and large-scale development projects (including but not confined to North East New Territories, Yuen Long South, Kam Tin South, New Territories North, Hung Shui Kiu), and 2030+, etc. in the past ten years.

Asked by: Hon CHU Hoi-dick (LegCo internal reference no.: 1064)

Reply:

1. The number of applications for short term waiver (STW) for agricultural resite, the number of successful applications and the area of land involved arising from land acquisition for public works projects in the past ten years are listed in the table below:

	Project	No. of applications for STW received *	No. of applications approved	Approximate area of private land involved for the approved applications (m ²)
1	Hong Kong Section of Guangzhou-Shenzhen-Hong Kong Express Rail Link	60	55	2 100
2	Liantang/Heung Yuen Wai Boundary Control Point and Associated Works	8	5	200

* Applications were submitted by affected genuine farmers with farming re-establishment proposals for consideration by the Agriculture, Fisheries and Conservation Department.

In the past ten years, there was no application for rehabilitation allowance.

- The Lands Department does not have statistics on the number of affected farms and farmers, the area of agricultural land and active agricultural land affected by public works projects in the past ten years. The area of private agricultural land resumed and the amount of crop compensation paid out in respect of public works projects in the past ten years are listed in the table below:

Financial Year	Amount of crop compensation paid out (\$ million (about))	Approximate area of private agricultural land resumed (hectare)
2009-10	1.35	5.23
2010-11	17.41	28.48
2011-12	0.19	3.78
2012-13	3.19	50.33
2013-14	32.11	3.48
2014-15	4.12	11.01
2015-16	4.30	4.01
2016-17	1.32	0.52
2017-18	0.59	4.11
2018-19 (up to end of February 2019)	0.57	0.16

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