

**CONTROLLING OFFICER'S REPLY**

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Question:

In connection with the Lands Department's initiative to "acquire private land and clear land required for the implementation of public works projects or other approved schemes", what are the manpower and expenditure involved in 2018-19 and to be incurred in 2019-20? Of which, what are the manpower and expenditure deployed for the North East New Territories New Development Areas Project (including the Kwu Tung North and Fanling North New Development Areas)?

Asked by: Hon TSE Wai-chuen, Tony (LegCo internal reference no.: 40)

Reply:

The number of staff involved in undertaking land resumption and clearance works was about 309 in 2018-19, and is estimated to be about 324 officers in 2019-20. The expenditure involved in 2018-19 and 2019-20 is estimated to be \$167 million and \$182 million respectively.

For the implementation of the Kwu Tung North and Fanling North New Development Area (NDA) (formerly known as the North East New Territories NDA), about 59 officers (involving an estimated expenditure of \$31 million) were deployed in undertaking the land resumption and clearance works in 2018-19 and about 81 officers (involving an estimated expenditure of \$43 million) are to be deployed in 2019-20.

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