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Question:

Regarding matters on squatter structures, please specify: (a) in the past five years, the respective numbers of households of squatter structures who were faced with clearance as a result of land resumption by the Government; the statutory compensation package applicable to the affected persons and the amounts of related ex-gratia allowances received by them; the respective numbers of people in the households that were not offered compensation; the reasons for no offer of compensation; (b) of the above, the types of surveyed structures subject to clearance as a result of land resumption by the Government.

Asked by: Hon CHEUNG Chiu-hung, Fernando (LegCo internal reference no.: 2054)

Reply:

(a) & (b) In the past five years, there were 271 households of squatter structures affected as a result of land resumption and clearance by the Government. Generally speaking, occupiers of surveyed or licensed structures may be eligible for ex-gratia allowance and/or rehousing subject to their meeting the applicable eligibility criteria, but they are not entitled to statutory compensation under the relevant land resumption ordinances. The total amount of ex-gratia allowances disbursed to the eligible affected households in the past 5 years is \$3.76 million. Some 121 affected households were not eligible for ex-gratia allowances and rehousing mainly because they already own domestic properties or their occupied structures were not surveyed or licensed structures.

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