

CONTROLLING OFFICER'S REPLY**DEVB(PL)347****(Question Serial No. 5009)**

Head: (91) Lands Department

Subhead (No. & title): (-) Not Specified

Programme: (1) Land Administration

Controlling Officer: Director of Lands (Thomas CHAN)

Director of Bureau: Secretary for Development

Question:

It is stated in the Estimates that "Gross provision of \$42,719,000 under Subhead 003 Recoverable salaries and allowances (General) includes salaries and allowances for the urban renewal team which processes land resumption to make land available for the urban renewal projects. The cost will be fully recovered from the Urban Renewal Authority (URA)." In this regard, please inform this Committee of the following:

1. Please list all the costs recovered from the URA arising from various urban renewal projects, as well as the details of the items in the past five years.
2. If information is not available, please state the reasons.

Asked by: Hon CHU Hoi-dick (LegCo internal reference no.: 2040)

Reply:

The Urban Renewal Section (URS) of the Lands Department is responsible for land administration issues relating to urban renewal. The expenditure on salaries and allowances for URS for the implementation of urban renewal projects by the Urban Renewal Authority (URA) are recovered from the URA. Details on salaries and allowances for the 55 staff of various ranks of the Section in the past five financial years are listed out as follows:

	2014-15 (\$'000)	2015-16 (\$'000)	2016-17 (\$'000)	2017-18 (\$'000)	2018-19 (\$'000)
Salaries and Allowances	27,542	32,482	36,743	37,155	39,447

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