

CONTROLLING OFFICER'S REPLY**DEVB(PL)445****(Question Serial No. 6106)**Head: (701) Capital Works Reserve Fund: Land AcquisitionSubhead (No. & title): (-) Not SpecifiedProgramme: (-) Not SpecifiedControlling Officer: Director of Lands (Thomas CHAN)Director of Bureau: Secretary for DevelopmentQuestion:

How many claims for "Tun Fu" allowance were received by the Government in each of the past five years? Please provide a breakdown of the claims by name of village, allowance granted and specific use of the allowance against the dates of grant.

| Year | Number of Claims Received |
|-----------|---------------------------|
| 2014-2015 | |
| 2015-2016 | |
| 2016-2017 | |
| 2017-2018 | |
| 2018-2019 | |

| Year | Amount Granted | Villages Involved | Specific Use |
|-----------|----------------|-------------------|--------------|
| 2014-2015 | | | |
| 2015-2016 | | | |
| 2016-2017 | | | |
| 2017-2018 | | | |
| 2018-2019 | | | |

Asked by: Hon KWOK Ka-ki (LegCo internal reference no.: 127)Reply:

For the past five years, the Lands Department received a total of 27 claims for "Tun Fu" allowance. The number of claims received in each year is tabulated below:-

| Year | Number of Claims Received |
|---------|---------------------------|
| 2014-15 | 16 |
| 2015-16 | 3 |
| 2016-17 | 3 |
| 2017-18 | 4 |
| 2018-19 | 1 |

As to the amount of allowance granted, the villages involved and the specific use related to the allowance, the details are shown below:-

| Year | Amount Granted | Villages Involved | Specific Use |
|--------------------------------------|--------------------------------|---|--|
| 2014-15 | \$1,728,792 (for 12 claims) | Islands district (3 villages) North district (6 villages) Sai Kung district (1 village) Sha Tin district (1 village) Tai Po district (3 villages) | “Tun Fu” ceremonies covering fung shui master’s fee, “Tun Fu” master’s fee, purchase of joss-papers and sticks, food offered in the ceremonies, etc. |
| 2015-16 | \$379,400 (for 17 claims) | North district (5 villages) Tai Po district (12 villages) | |
| 2016-17 | \$100,000 (for 5 claims) | Tuen Mun district (2 villages) Tai Po district (3 villages) | |
| 2017-18 | \$60,000 (for 3 claims) | Tai Po district (3 villages) | |
| 2018-19 (up to end February 2019) | 0 | 0 | |

Note: One claim may cover more than one village. Due to the lead time required for processing claims, the amount granted in one year may not correspond to claims received in the same year and often would cover some of the claims received in previous years.

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