

**CONTROLLING OFFICER'S REPLY**

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Head: (91) Lands Department  
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Question:

Regarding the estimated costs of urban renewal, land resumption and clearance by the Lands Department (LandsD), would the Government please inform this Committee of:

- (1) the amount of provision allocated to the Urban Renewal Section of LandsD in 2019-20 and a breakdown of the provision.
- (2) the estimated expenditure involved in undertaking all other land resumption and clearance works by the 309 officers in the District Lands Offices and Headquarters of LandsD in 2019-20.

Asked by: Hon CHU Hoi-dick

Reply:

- (1) The Urban Renewal Section (URS) of the Lands Department is responsible for land administrative issues relating to urban renewal, including but not limited to land resumption for urban renewal projects. The amount of \$42,719,000 is the provision for salaries and acting allowances for the 55 staff of various ranks of the Section in 2019-20. The expenditure involved is charged to the Urban Renewal Authority and does not form part of the Appropriation Bill.
- (2) Staff involved in undertaking land resumption and clearance works in the District Lands Offices and Headquarters (excluding the staff of the URS mentioned above) will be increased from 309 officers to 324 officers in 2019-20. The expenditure involved in 2019-20 is estimated to be \$182 million.

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