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Question:

Regarding squatter structures, please provide the following figures:

(a) In the past five years, the respective numbers of households residing in 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 and the reasons for no compensation offer;

(b) Relating to (a) 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.: 1370)

Reply:

(a) & (b) In the past five years, there were 93 households of squatter structures cleared as a result of land resumption and clearance for implementing government development projects. Generally speaking, occupiers of surveyed or licensed structures may be granted 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 ordinances invoked for land resumption. The total amount of ex-gratia allowances disbursed to the eligible households cleared in the past five years is $2.74 million. Six households cleared were not eligible for ex-gratia allowances nor rehousing mainly because they already owned domestic properties or their occupied structures were not surveyed or licensed structures.

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