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Question:

For railway projects completed and under construction, what were the respective number of residents affected and claims made in the past five years? What are the expenditure and manpower involved in 2020-2021 for the Lands Department to undertake work on land resumption and clearance, creation of easements and rights of temporary occupation, granting and administration of short term tenancies and land allocations required for the Hong Kong Section of the Guangzhou-Shenzhen-Hong Kong Express Rail Link (XRL) and the Shatin to Central Link (SCL)?

Asked by: Hon CHAN Tanya (LegCo internal reference no.: 231)

Reply:

We do not have readily available statistics on the overall number of residents affected by the railway projects completed and under construction. The total number of compensation claims received under the Railways Ordinance (Cap 519) for various railway projects in the past five financial years (i.e. 2015-16 to 2019-20 (up to February 2020)) is 47.

For 2020-21, the estimated staff cost and the number of staff in the Lands Department for handling the land matters relating to XRL and SCL are about $37 million and 49 respectively.

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