

Examination of Estimates of Expenditure 2003-04  
**CONTROLLING OFFICER'S REPLY TO  
INITIAL WRITTEN QUESTION**

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Head: 91 Lands Department      Subhead(No. & title): 221 Clearance of government land –  
ex-gratia allowances

Programme: (1) Land Administration

Controlling Officer: Director of Lands

Director of Bureau: Secretary for Housing, Planning and Lands

Question : The provision for “clearance of government land – ex-gratia allowances” under Subhead 221 is HK\$13,000,000, representing an increase of 6,700,000 (106.3%) when compared with the revised estimate for 2002-03. Please give details of the number of clearance jobs increased and the costs concerned.

Asked by: Hon. CHAN Yuen-han

Reply: The amount of ex-gratia allowances to be paid will depend on the scale of the clearance to be carried out and the number and nature of the subjects involved i.e. structures, activities or crops affected by the clearances. Details of the clearances proposed to be undertaken in 2003-04 and the costs involved, compared with 2002-03, are as follows :

<b>Projects</b>	<b>Clearances in 2003-04</b>	<b>Costs \$</b>	<b>Clearances in 2002-03</b>	<b>Costs \$</b>
Non-development clearances	200	3,090,000	191	3,370,000
Clearances for development purposes	10	9,830,000	15	2,852,000
Clearance of temporary housing and cottage areas	8	80,000	4	78,000
	<u>218</u>	<u>13,000,000</u>	<u>210</u>	<u>6,300,000</u>

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