

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

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Question : What is the estimated expenditure of the Lands Department for the land resumption to make land available for redevelopment by the Urban Renewal Authority this year? How many hectares of land will be allocated to the Urban Renewal Authority by the Administration and what is the sum of money involved?

Asked by: Hon. HO Chun-yan, Albert

Reply: The Urban Renewal Section (URS) of Lands Department is responsible for resuming land for the projects of the Urban Renewal Authority (URA). The estimated expenditure of the URS under Head 91 Lands Department in 2003-04 is about \$31 million, which is provided under Subhead 003 Recoverable salaries and allowances (General). The sum is re-imbursable by the URA.

It is anticipated that about 1.5 hectares will be granted to the URA in 2003-04. Grants of sites for the implementation of urban renewal projects would in general be at nominal premium.

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