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Question: Please list out the land resumption projects to be conducted in 2004-05 by Lands Department and the details of the expenditure and manpower to be involved.

Asked by: Hon. CHAN Yuen-han

Reply:

Based on the current programme, Lands Department will handle 50 new and 156 on-going resumption projects in 2004-05. The total estimated expenditure in 2004-05 is \$2,096 million. The major projects will include Penny's Bay Reclamation (\$1,061 million), Deep Bay Link (\$93 million), East Rail Extension – Essential public infrastructure works for Hung Hom to Tsim Sha Tsui extension (\$76 million), Rural Drainage Rehabilitation Scheme – drainage rehabilitation works at Ping Yuen River (\$45 million), Yuen Long south western extension (\$35 million), Main drainage channels for Yuen Long and Kam Tin – Tin Tsuen channel – Ancillary road works (\$32 million), Yuen Long bypass floodway (\$30 million), Construction of roads and drains to serve the housing development in Area 56, Tuen Mun (\$26 million), Sai Sha Road widening between Kam Ying Road and future Trunk Road T7 junction (\$26 million), Castle Peak Road improvement between Area 2 and Sham Tseng, Tsuen Wan (\$25 million), Remaining engineering infrastructure works for Pak Shek Kok development (\$10 million), etc.

As regards the manpower involved, these major projects are carried out throughout the territory and involve input of different offices at the Headquarters and district level. The staff involved come from a wide variety of grades and they provide relevant input as part of their normal duties. These staff include different grades such as the Land Executive, Land Inspector, Estate Surveyor, Survey Officer, Land Surveyor, Solicitor and other support staff. As their jobs portfolios encompass not only land resumption work, it is not feasible to provide details of the exact manpower involved.

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