

Examination of Estimates of Expenditure 2004-05
**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:

Controlling Officer: Director of Lands

Director of Bureau: Secretary for Housing, Planning and Lands

Question: Under Subhead 221 “clearance of government land – ex-gratia allowances”, the revised estimated allocation for 2003-04 is \$8 million but the provision for 2004-05 is over \$12 million. Please give a breakdown of the expenditure involved.

Asked by: Hon. TIEN Pei-chun, James

Reply:

A breakdown of the expenditure is as follows:

	2003-04 Revised <u>Estimate</u>	2004-05 Estimate
	\$ Million	\$ Million
Ex-gratia allowances for clearance of government land, e.g. landslip preventive measures, land sale, environmental clearance and non-development clearance	1.39	8.74
Ex-gratia allowances for clearance of squatter areas and cottage areas	6.61	3.48
Total	<u>8.00</u>	<u>12.22</u>

Signature _____

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