

Examination of Estimates of Expenditure 2005-06  
**CONTROLLING OFFICER'S REPLY TO  
INITIAL WRITTEN QUESTION**

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Head: 91 Lands Department

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Question : The Lands Department mentioned that it would “continue to process land resumption to make land available for urban renewal projects”. Please advise us of the details of the work, the districts, the expenditure and the manpower involved.

Asked by: Hon. FUNG Kin-kee, Frederick

Reply:

The Urban Renewal Section (URS) of the Lands Department is responsible for the resumption of land for urban renewal projects implemented by the Urban Renewal Authority (URA). The work includes the collection of property and ownership data, District Council consultation, preparation of submissions to the Executive Council for land resumption, assessment, negotiation and payment of compensation and implementation of the final clearance. In 2005, resumptions are expected to be carried out in Shau Kei Wan, Wanchai, Sham Shui Po and Tai Kok Tsui.

The 2005-06 provision for the above work is about \$29.5 million, being the estimated salaries and allowances for 30 existing staff and 25 proposed new posts. The expenditure is re-imbursable by URA. The proposed posts will only be filled as and when the workload of URS increases to such an extent as to require the additional staff.

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