

**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 : For the provision under Subhead 221 "Clearance of government land - ex-gratia allowances", the increase of 113.3% over the revised estimate for 2004-05 is mainly because the 2005-06 clearance projects on government land are generally expected to be of a larger scale. Will the Government please set out the clearance projects and their provisions in detail?

Asked by: Hon. LAU Sau-shing, Patrick

Reply:

The nature of clearance projects on government land and the provisions for ex-gratia allowances are set out below :

Nature of clearance projects	Provisions \$ Million
(a) Clearance for land disposal	5.060
(b) Clearance of squatter areas affected by potentially dangerous slopes	2.989
(c) Clearance for improvement works on slopes maintained by the Lands Department	<u>2.346</u>
Total :	<u>10.395</u>

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