

Examination of Estimates of Expenditure 2006-07
**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 : The estimate for 2006-07 is \$6,200,000. Please advise this Council of the number of sites involved, the prices for the land resumptions, and the respective uses of the sites concerned.

Asked by: Hon. CHEUNG Hok-ming

Reply:

The estimate of \$6.2 million is for payment of ex-gratia allowances in connection with the clearance of government land in 2006-07. Ex-gratia allowances are payable to eligible claimants so as to mitigate their hardship arising from the clearance. As no private land is involved, no resumption cost will be incurred. The number of sites involved together with other related information is : -

<u>Clearance purpose</u>	<u>No. of sites</u>	<u>Ex-gratia allowances \$Million</u>
(a) Clearance for land disposal	6	2.87
(b) Clearance of squatter areas affected by potentially dangerous slopes	202	2.54
(c) Clearance for improvement works on slopes	25	0.79
Total :	233	6.20

Signature _____

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Date 10 March 2006

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