

Examination of Estimates of Expenditure 2006-07
**CONTROLLING OFFICER'S REPLY TO
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Question : Regarding the estimated total acquisition/clearance costs of Lands Department for 2006, there is an increase of over 60% as compared to last year. Why? How many households will be affected by the land acquisitions?

Asked by: Hon. CHEUNG Hok-ming

Reply:

The increase in the 2006 estimate for total acquisition/clearance costs is mainly caused by deferment of a number of Public Works Programme projects from 2005 to 2006. The number of households to be affected by land resumptions in 2006 can only be ascertained near the time when actual resumption proceedings are instituted.

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