

Examination of Estimates of Expenditure 2006-07
**CONTROLLING OFFICER'S REPLY TO
INITIAL WRITTEN QUESTION**

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Question: Regarding the structures cleared in programmed squatter (controls and clearances, the 2006 estimate marks an increase of more than 1.5 times compared with 2005. Please advise this Council of: (a) the districts in which the clearance programme will be mainly carried out; (b) the estimated number of working hours needed; and (c) the number of households involved.

Asked by: Hon. CHEUNG Hok-ming

Reply:

- (a) Structures to be cleared in the programmed squatter clearances in 2006 would mainly be situated in the New Territories and are associated with the implementation of projects in the Public Works Programme.

Examples of major clearances are :

1. Drainage Improvement in Northern New Territories – Package A, Drainage Improvement Works & Road Works Ancillary to the Proposed Drainage Improvement Works, Stage 2, Kau Lung Hang, Yuen Leng, Nam Wah Po & Tai Hang Areas, Tai Po; and
2. Drainage Improvement Works, Lam Tsuen River, She Shan River, Tai Po River, Tai Po.

- (b) The number of working hours needed to carry out the clearances cannot be estimated as it would depend on the nature and complexity of each clearance operation.

- (c) It is estimated that about 800 households would be involved.

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