

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):

Programme: (1) Land Administration

Controlling Officer: Director of Lands

Director of Bureau: Secretary for Housing, Planning and Lands

Question : Regarding land acquisition, please advise this Council:

- (a) of the locations and uses of sites within the 17 hectares of land anticipated to be acquired for the implementation of Public Works Programme projects in 2006;
- (b) of the reason for the decrease in urban renewal projects from last year's 937 to 360; and
- (c) how the total acquisition/clearance costs, i.e. \$706 million, will be used.

Asked by: Hon. WONG Kwok-hing

Reply:

- (a) The sites concerned are situated in the Islands, North, Sai Kung, Sha Tin, Tai Po, Yuen Long, Tsuen Wan and Kwai Tsing districts and their uses are for local drainage, sewerage and road improvement works.
- (b) The reduction in the number of property interests to be acquired under urban renewal projects is due to the reduction in both the number and scale of projects to be launched by the Urban Renewal Authority in 2006.
- (c) The total acquisition/clearance costs will be used for payment of land compensation to owners and ex-gratia allowances to eligible domestic occupiers, commercial and industrial operators, as well as farmers to assist their removal.

Signature _____

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Date 10 March 2006

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