

**CONTROLLING OFFICER'S REPLY TO
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Head: 91 Lands Department

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Programme: (1) Land Administration

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Question: Regarding land acquisition under Programme (1) Land Administration, the estimated land area required for Rural Planning and Improvement Strategy/Village Improvement for 2007 is 0.52 hectares (ha), a decrease by 2/3 as compared to the actual land area of 1.56 ha for 2006. Please explain the reasons. In 2007, will there be the case that in some areas where there is a pressing need for improvement works, the issue of land acquisition makes it impossible to implement the works?

Asked by: Hon. CHEUNG Hok-ming

Reply:

Rural Planning and Improvement Strategy/Village Improvement projects are planned and implemented by the Home Affairs Department to meet district needs. The decrease is due to the reduction in the amount of private land required to be resumed for projects to be implemented in 2007.

The projects implemented in 2006 involved the resumption of 56 private agricultural lots with a total area of 1.56 ha. The projects planned for implementation in 2007, requiring land resumption, are mainly for provision, improvement and upgrading of access roads to villages in Tai Po district involving the resumption of 27 private agricultural lots with a total area of 0.52 ha.

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