

Examination of Estimates of Expenditure 2007-08

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Head: 91 Lands Department

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Programme: (1) Land Administration

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Question: It is estimated by the Lands Department that the total acquisition/clearance costs in 2007 will be \$1,061.8 million, which marks a seven-fold increase as compared with \$151.4 million in 2006. What are the reasons? As this sum of money covers the payment of redemption money for land exchange entitlements and interest, please inform this Committee of the details.

Asked by: Hon. CHEUNG Hok-ming

Reply:

The increase in the 2007 estimate for total acquisition/clearance costs is mainly due to the deferment of a number of Public Works Programme projects from 2006 to 2007.

Signature _____

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