

Examination of Estimates of Expenditure 2007-08

**CONTROLLING OFFICER'S REPLY TO
INITIAL WRITTEN QUESTION**

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Head: 701 Land Acquisition

Subhead (No. & title): 1004CA Compensation for
surrenders and resumptions:
miscellaneous

Programme:

Controlling Officer: Director of Lands

Director of Bureau: Secretary for Housing, Planning and Lands

Question: Regarding "Compensation for surrenders and resumptions: miscellaneous", the estimate of 2007-08 increases significantly by more than four times over the revised estimate of 2006-07. Why? What compensation payments are expected to be made in 2007-08?

Asked by: Hon. LAU Chin-shek

Reply:

Payment of outstanding compensation claims arising from projects falling under Subhead 1004CA varies from year to year, depending on the cases involved and the progress of settling the compensation claims arising from such cases. The estimated provision of \$21.5 million is mainly based on compensation claims currently being processed in relation to resumptions of the Inverness Road and Diamond Hill Squatter Areas and which are expected to be agreed and settled in 2007-08.

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