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Question:

The Administration will co-ordinate actions with bodies and departments concerned to speed up land resumption and to resolve interface problems to facilitate implementation of the railway projects under this programme. What are the planned land resumption items this year, the sites concerned and the estimated expenditure involved?

Asked by: Hon. LEONG Kah-kit, Alan

Reply:

In 2008-09, active preparatory work on clearance and resumption of private land will be undertaken for the MTR West Island Line (WIL). The proposed land requirements for the WIL were gazetted under the Railways Ordinance on 26 October 2007. Some buildings and some underground stratum are proposed to be resumed. The proposed land resumption will be ordered after the authorisation of the WIL scheme. Highways Department is liaising closely with Lands Department to actively plan for the proposed clearance and resumption of the affected buildings and land along its route. The cost of the proposed land clearance and resumption is not available at this stage.

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