

CONTROLLING OFFICER'S REPLY

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Head: (60) Highways Department

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Programme: (1) Capital Projects

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Director of Bureau: Secretary for Transport and Housing

Question:

Regarding the Universal Accessibility (UA) Programme, will the Government inform this Committee of the following:

- (1) the respective numbers of non-Government land resumption operations carried out for projects under the UA Programme over the past five years; the original owners of the resumed lands concerned; the areas of land being resumed and the respective amounts of compensation provided;
- (2) the criteria adopted by the Administration under the UA Programme for deciding whether or not to resume non-Government lands;
- (3) with respect to question (1), whether the lands resumed involve any lands that fall within the boundary of public housing estates but are not under the management of the Hong Kong Housing Authority.

Asked by: Hon CHIANG Lai-wan (LegCo internal reference no.: 79)

Reply:

The lift retrofitting works for existing public walkways under the UA Programme involving land resumption pursuant to the Roads (Works, Use and Compensation) Ordinance (Cap. 370) in the past five years are tabulated as follows. None of them incurred compensation.

Structure Number	Location	Date of land reversion to Government	Owner of resumed land	Area of resumed land (hectare)
HF81	Across Pok Fu Lam Road near the University of Hong Kong	10 May 2017	Chiu Sheung School, Hong Kong	0.018

Structure Number	Location	Date of land reversion to Government	Owner of resumed land	Area of resumed land (hectare)
KF56	Across New Clear Water Bay Road near Choi Wan Commercial Complex Phase II	25 November 2017	Hong Kong Housing Authority and the Link	0.008
KS7	Across Lung Cheung Road near Choi Hung MTR Station	18 August 2018	Hong Kong Housing Authority	0.001
KS27	Across Shun Ching Street near San Lee Street and Shun Lee Estate	29 September 2018	Hong Kong Housing Authority and the Link	0.007

For lands resumed within public housing estates, they are under the management of the Hong Kong Housing Authority or that and the Link.

Generally speaking, lift retrofitting works under the UA Programme should not involve land resumption so as to ensure the proper use of public funds. Land resumption would only be considered under exceptional circumstances for which small portions of private lands had to be resumed to accommodate barrier-free access facilities due to insufficient space in government land, as in the four cases tabulated above.

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