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CONTROLLING OFFICER'S REPLY TO INITIAL WRITTEN QUESTION

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Head: 62 Subhead 000 - Clearance and Squatter Control

<u>Programme</u>: 6201 - Squatter and Temporary Housing Clearance

and Squatter Control

<u>Controlling Officer</u>: Permanent Secretary for Housing, Planning and Lands

(Housing)

<u>Director of Bureau</u>: Secretary for Housing, Planning and Lands

Question: Under the Programme "Squatter and Temporary Housing

Clearance and Squatter Control" of the Housing Department, two major clearance tasks will be carried out in 2003-04. What are the respective commencement and completion dates, manpower requirements and expenditures of these tasks?

Asked by: HON. TIEN Pei-chun

Reply: The two major clearance tasks mentioned under the

Programme "Squatter and Temporary Housing Clearance and Squatter Control" in the Controlling Officer's Report refer to the on-going Deep Bay Link clearance for the construction of Shenzhen Western Corridor and clearance for the construction of Kowloon-Canton Railway Sheung Shui to Lok Ma Chau Spur Line. The Deep Bay Link clearance, scheduled for completion in June 2003, was announced on 26 March 2002. The Kowloon-Canton Railway project was announced on 30 August 1999 and was completed in March 2003, in advance of 2003-04 as indicated in the Controlling Officer's Report. The resources required for these clearances are provided under Head 62, which covers all clearance activities. There is no separate breakdown for the manpower and funding

requirements of individual clearance projects.

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