

Public Works Subcommittee

Motion moved at the meeting on 10 February 2015

Hon Gary FAN Kwok-wai moved the following motion under paragraph 32A of the Public Works Subcommittee Procedure. The terms of the motion are as follows -

"That, as reclamation works will affect the water flow and its impact on marine ecology will persist after the completion of the works, making it hard for the fish catch in the fishing grounds to revert to the level before the works commencement; also, given that delays in infrastructure works are prevalent, fishermen being affected by marine works resulting in a temporary loss of fishing grounds may imply that they will lose such fishing grounds permanently in future; in the absence of support by actual data to justify the ratio currently adopted by the Government for calculating the respective rates of the ex-gratia allowance for affected fishermen in respect of marine works resulting in a permanent or temporary loss of fishing grounds; this Subcommittee suggests the Government to consider relaxing the existing requirement that fishermen affected by marine works in Hong Kong waters resulting in a temporary loss of fishing grounds can receive only about 40% of the rates of the ex-gratia allowance for those fishermen who are affected by marine works resulting in a permanent loss of fishing grounds." (Translation)