

Legislative Council Panel on Development

**The Administration's Response to the Motion passed under Agenda Item VI
"Proposed Enhancements to the General Ex-gratia Compensation
and Rehousing Arrangements for
Government's Development Clearance Exercises"
at the Meeting on 29 May 2018**

The Legislative Council (LegCo) Panel on Development passed the motion moved by Hon CHU Hoi-dick at the meeting on 29 May 2018:

"This Panel requests that 'relocation' be included as an option in clearing non-indigenous villages in the rural area for development, so as to narrow the difference in the treatment received by non-indigenous and indigenous villages and give such villagers a chance to maintain their way of life and quality of life as far as possible."

The Administration's response to the motion is as follows:

2. Under the existing policy, where land resumption is required to implement public works, affected indigenous villagers who own building lots or affected non-indigenous villagers who have been owning building lots since pre-war (prior to 25 December 1941) or who own building lots by succession may be provided with village resite when their building lots are resumed.

3. Accordingly, persons eligible for village resite are limited to eligible landowners of building lots. Landowners of any agricultural land or occupiers of squatters on agricultural land will not be eligible for village resite, regardless of whether they are indigenous villagers or not.

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