

CONTROLLING OFFICER'S REPLY**DEVB(PL)157****(Question Serial No. 2326)**

Head: (91) Lands Department

Subhead (No. & title): (-) Not Specified

Programme: (1) Land Administration

Controlling Officer: Director of Lands (Ms. Bernadette LINN)

Director of Bureau: Secretary for Development

Question (Member Question No. 4):

Regarding the administration of temporary use of government land, will the Government inform this Committee of:

- (a) the details of government land currently allocated to various government departments on a temporary basis

Name of government department	No. of sites allocated	Total area	No. of sites used for over five years	Total area of sites used for over five years

- (b) the details of government land currently let by tender broken down by type of land use

Land use (e.g. fee-paying carparks, open storage, etc.)	No. of sites	Total area	Rent per foot			
			Lowest	Average	Median	Highest

- (c) the details of government land currently let by direct grant of short term tenancies broken down by type of land use

Land use (e.g. fee-paying carparks, open storage, etc.)	No. of sites	Total area	Rent per foot			
			Lowest	Average	Median	Highest

Asked by: Hon. LAM Kin-fung, Jeffrey

Reply:

The responses to the three queries are as follows:-

- (a) In 2013, 83.1 hectares (ha) of land were allocated to government departments on a temporary basis to facilitate the implementation of government projects. These temporary land allocations are mainly granted to the Civil Engineering and Development Department, Food and Environmental Hygiene Department, Home Affairs Department, Leisure and Cultural Services Department, Highways Department, Drainage Services Department, Water Supplies Department, etc. for purposes such as works areas, open space and refuse collection points. The term of the allocation generally depends on the nature and requirements of the government project or use as well as the development programme of the permanent use of the site, if any. As some 130 allocations to government departments are involved in 2013 and the total number of such allocations in force is well over 1 700, we have not compiled the details of all allocations for the purpose of this reply given the time constraint. In general, these temporary allocations should cease when the sites are no longer required by the concerned bureaux and departments for the designated uses.
- (b)&(c) The total area of short term tenancies (STTs) let by tender and by direct grant during 2013 were 42.24 ha and 32.7 ha respectively. Examples of uses include fee-paying carparks, open storage, container storage/handling, workshops for recycling/vehicle repairing/boat building/repairing, concrete production, plant nursery, works areas/sites required for public rental housing/Home Ownership Scheme, and non-profit-making activities by non-profit-making organisations. In general, all STT sites are let at full market rent unless the relevant policy bureau gives support to a concessionary or nominal rent. As over 200 STTs are tendered/granted in 2013 and the total number of STTs in force is well over 5 000, we have not compiled the details of all the STTs for the purpose of this reply given the time constraint.