

**CONTROLLING OFFICER'S REPLY**

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Head: (91) Lands Department  
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Programme: (1) Land Administration  
Controlling Officer: Director of Lands (Ms. Bernadette LINN)  
Director of Bureau: Secretary for Development

Question (Member Question No. 16):

Is it necessary for the Lands Department to increase manpower or change the relevant procedures in tandem with the collection of revenue arising from the Special Stamp Duty, the Buyer's Stamp Duty and the doubling of the ad valorem stamp duty rates by the Inland Revenue Department?

Asked by: Hon. LAM Kin-fung, Jeffrey

Reply:

As the Lands Department is not involved in the daily work related to stamp duties, there is no need to increase the manpower or change the procedures in relation to the collection of stamp duties by the Inland Revenue Department.