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Question (Member Question No. 32):

Up till now, how many hectares of government land have been allocated to government departments for temporary use or let out through short term tenancies (STTs); of which, how many are for residential, commercial and hotel uses respectively? How many hectares of government land in Yuen Long and Islands districts have been allocated to government departments for temporary use or let out through STTs, and what are the respective planned land uses?

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Reply:

In general, when a government site is not immediately required for permanent use/development, the Lands Department will put the site to appropriate temporary use including allocating the site to various government departments/bureaux by way of Temporary Government Land Allocation (TGLA) or letting out the site on Short Term Tenancy (STT).

The areas of TGLAs and STTs granted in 2012 and 2013 are as follows:-

	<b>2012</b>	<b>2013</b>	<b>Total</b>
TGLAs area in all districts (hectares (ha))	69.46	83.1	152.56
TGLAs area in Islands District (ha)	9.74	3.16	12.9
TGLAs area in Yuen Long District (ha)	1.05	2.11	3.16
STTs area in all districts (ha)	139.14	74.94	214.08
STTs area in Islands District (ha)	3.89	6.42	10.31
STTs area in Yuen Long District (ha)	8.75	1.12	9.87

For TGLAs granted in 2012 and 2013,

- (i) around 4% and 0.4% of the total TGLA areas are zoned for residential use and commercial (including hotel) use respectively under the Outline Zoning Plans

(“OZPs”). The majority of these TGLAs were granted for implementation of public projects such as railway developments and construction of infrastructure;

- (ii) most areas of TGLAs in the Islands District do not have any long-term use or are zoned for other specified use; and
- (iii) most areas of TGLAs in the Yuen Long District are zoned for green belt, government/institution/community or open space use.

For STTs granted in 2012 and 2013,

- (i) around 7% of the total STT areas are zoned for residential use under the OZPs. The majority of these STTs are works sites granted to the Hong Kong Housing Authority for construction of public rental housing/Home Ownership Scheme housing. No STT site is zoned for commercial or hotel use;
- (ii) most areas of STTs in the Islands District do not have any long-term planned use; and
- (iii) most areas of STTs in the Yuen Long District are zoned for government/institution/community uses. The only STT site zoned for residential use is a works site granted to Hong Kong Housing Authority for construction of public rental housing.

It should be noted that some of the areas zoned for residential or commercial use may be irregular in shape, scattered, or not suitable for separate alienation, and hence cannot be used for permanent development.