

**CONTROLLING OFFICER'S REPLY**

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Head: (91) Lands Department  
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Controlling Officer: Director of Lands (Ms. Bernadette LINN)  
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Question (Member Question No. 372):

1. What was the area of land allocated to each government department on a temporary basis in each of the past three years? Please provide the information broken down by year, government department and land use. For how long is the land allocated on a temporary basis?
2. Has the Government monitored the use of the land to see if it is left idle after being allocated to other government departments? If yes, please provide details. Will the Lands Department ask other government departments to return the land left idle for other uses? If not, why not?

Asked by: Hon. CHAN Ka-lok, Kenneth

Reply:

1. 126.94 hectares (ha), 69.46 ha and 83.10 ha of land were allocated respectively in 2011, 2012 and 2013 to government departments on a temporary basis to facilitate the implementation of government projects or provision of government services. 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 400 allocations to government departments are involved in 2011, 2012 and 2013, we have not compiled the details of all allocations for the purpose of this reply.
2. Government bureaux/departments are responsible for the management and maintenance of the sites allocated to them. The Lands Department (Lands D) has taken steps to remind the bureaux/departments of their responsibilities to supervise and monitor the use and occupation of the sites held under Government Land

Allocations. In case the site is no longer required by the bureau/department, it should be returned to Lands D for subsequent disposal.