

CONTROLLING OFFICER'S REPLY**DEVB(PL)381****(Question Serial No. 4827)**

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Question (Member Question No. 224):

On squatter control and clearance, will the Administration please provide the following information:

- (a) the locations and details of the unauthorised structures demolished in 2013; the locations of the unauthorised structures expected to be demolished in 2014 and the relevant work schedule;
- (b) the details of the locations and land ownership of the 3 834 structures expected to be cleared in programmed development clearances and emergency clearances (excluding surveyed structures cleared on grounds of slope safety) in 2014, the work schedule and the expenditure involved.

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Reply for:

- (a) In 2013, the Lands Department (Lands D) demolished 259 unauthorised squatter structures on government land. The location and details of the unauthorised structures are as follows:

District	No. of unauthorised structures demolished
Hong Kong	24
Kowloon	12
Tsuen Wan & Kwai Tsing	66
Islands	17
Sai Kung	2
Shatin	16
Tai Po	16
North	36
Tuen Mun	44
Yuen Long	26
Total	259

Lands D will take squatter control action to demolish the unauthorised structures on government land when they are identified through patrol or receipt of complaints/referrals. For this reason, we do not have estimates on the designated locations or work schedule for the demolition of unauthorised structures in 2014.

- (b) The structures estimated to be cleared in 2014 under programmed development clearances and emergency clearances are spread across different districts (involving both government land and private land) in which the programmed exercises are expected to take place. Subject to further surveys, the ballpark distribution is as follows:

Location	Estimated Number of Structures
Hong Kong	7
Tsuen Wan	287
Shatin	269
Sai Kung	138
Tai Po	570
North	820
Tuen Mun	1743

Clearance actions will be scheduled to meet different site requirement dates according to the implementation timetable of programmed developments. The expenditure involved in undertaking the clearance works in 2014 is estimated to be about \$25 million. Land ownership details can only be ascertained upon completion of pre-clearance surveys.