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Question (Member Question No. 70):

What are the expenditure and manpower involved for inspections to identify any unlawful occupation of government land for the past five years? How many cases of unlawful occupation of government land have been identified during routine inspections by the Lands Department over the past five years and what is their percentage share in the total number of cases of unlawful occupation of government land? What are the estimated expenditure and manpower required by the Department for handling this task in 2014-15?

Asked by: Hon. KWOK Ka-ki

Reply:

Conducting inspections of government sites is part of the overall government land control work carried out by the Lands Department (Lands D). During the past five calendar years (2009 to 2013), a total of 1 748 cases of unlawful occupation of government land were identified during routine inspections by Lands D. This represents about 5% of the total number of cases of unlawful occupation of government land handled by Lands D during the period.

In the past five financial years (2009-10 to 2013-14), an average of 208 staff were involved in land control work (which covers not only unlawful occupation of government land but also other duties such as grass cutting, tree management, display of roadside banners, etc.), involving an average staff expenditure of \$72 million per year. There is no separate breakdown in respect of the expenditure for conducting inspections of government sites.

In 2014-15, around 213 staff are expected to carry out land control work, involving an estimated staff expenditure of about \$81 million.