

CONTROLLING OFFICER'S REPLY**DEVB(PL)105****(Question Serial No. 1038)**

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Question:

Under Matters Requiring Special Attention in 2016-17 of this Programme, it is said that the Government will continue to strengthen land control and lease enforcement work, including enforcement against unauthorised structures on private agricultural land and lease breaches in industrial buildings. How many enforcement actions were taken respectively against unauthorised structures on private agricultural land and lease breaches in industrial buildings over the past three years? How many enforcement actions are expected to be taken and what are the estimated expenditures involved respectively in 2016-17?

Asked by: Hon CHAN Hak-kan (Member Question No. 45)

Reply:

The relevant statistics regarding lease enforcement actions taken against unauthorised structures on private agricultural land and lease breaches in industrial buildings by the Lands Department (Lands D) in the past three years (2013 to 2015) are as follows:

Year	2013	2014	2015
(a) Number of cases with lease enforcement actions (which may take the form of issue of warning letters/statutory notices; registration of warning letters in the Land Registry; demolition and/or re-entry) taken against unauthorised structures on private agricultural land	528	665	1 021
(b) Number of cases with lease enforcement actions (which may take the form of issue of warning letters; registration of warning letters in the Land Registry and/or vesting) taken against lease breaches in industrial buildings	208	209	172

In 2016, Lands D estimates that lease enforcement actions would be taken against 1 435 cases of lease breaches, including those involving unauthorised structures on private agricultural land, misuse of carparking spaces and loading/unloading areas, breaches of uses or other lease conditions in industrial buildings. As the identification of cases and prioritisation of enforcement work involving different types of breaches may vary during the year, we do not have a precise estimate of the breakdown by types of cases.

As staff handling unauthorised structures on private agricultural land and lease breaches in industrial buildings also carry out other land administration duties, there is no separate breakdown on the number of staff and staff cost solely for handling these two categories of lease enforcement cases. In 2016-17, it is estimated that 107 full-time equivalent staff will be deployed for lease enforcement work (including lease enforcement concerning unauthorised structures on private agricultural land and lease breaches in industrial buildings) at an estimated staff cost of \$46.83 million.

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