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Question:

Regarding temporary use of government land, please advise this Committee on the following:

1. it is expected that 29 hectares (ha) of land for short term tenancies (STTs) will be let by tender and 40.1 ha will be let by direct grant in 2016. What are the respective uses and areas of these pieces of land? Is the use of a temporary fee-paying carpark involved? If yes, what are the details?
2. the number of sites granted by way of STTs for use as temporary fee-paying carparks to be taken back in 2016 for other development uses, the location of the sites to be taken back and the number of various types of vehicles to be affected.

Asked by: Hon Frankie YICK Chi-ming (Member Question No. 39)

Reply:

1. The estimated area of land for short term tenancies (STTs) to be let by direct grant in 2016 is based on the possible demand currently known to the Lands Department (Lands D). The actual area to be let is subject to any changes in demand. The uses of the sites which may be let on STTs by direct grant in 2016 include works sites/works areas for public rental housing/subsidised flat development, community/non-profit making uses and village office. As to the estimated area of land for STTs to be let by tender, the actual area to be let will depend on market responses to the tenders. The uses of the sites which may be let on STTs by tender in 2016 include temporary fee-paying carpark, port back-up use, container storage/handling, cargo handling, recycling business operation, plant nursery and open storage. Of the total estimate of 29 hectares of land to be let on STTs by tender in 2016, over 40% is currently intended to be let for temporary fee-paying carpark use, of which about two-thirds are re-tender cases.

2. In general, Lands D would arrange for disposal of unallocated government land which may be put to gainful use according to the planned long-term uses. Where the long-term use is yet to be determined or not yet due for implementation, Lands D would try to put the site to appropriate temporary use(s), including temporary uses by government bureaux or departments on temporary government land allocations or by parties outside the Government through STTs. The short-term uses of government land should not prejudice any permanent development or long-term use as intended by the Government, including that which is in accordance with the planned use of the land as shown on the statutory plan. If there is a need for permanent development of a particular site, the short-term use would be terminated at an appropriate time to tie in with the permanent development programme in accordance with the conditions of the temporary government land allocation or STTs. Of the 40 sites included in the 2016-17 Land Sale Programme, one residential site in Yau Tong and one commercial site in Cheung Sha Wan would require termination of temporary fee-paying carparks let on STTs.

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