

**CONTROLLING OFFICER'S REPLY**

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Question:

Regarding the strengthening of land control and lease enforcement work, including enforcement against unauthorised structures on private agricultural land under this Programme, will the Government inform this Committee of the work expected to be carried out and the estimated expenditure and manpower in 2016-17?

Asked by: Hon WU Chi-wai (Member Question No. 156)

Reply:

In 2016-17, the Lands Department will continue to take lease enforcement actions against unauthorised structures on private agricultural land in accordance with the enhanced enforcement measures introduced in 2014, including (1) for unauthorised structures being erected on private agricultural land, issuing statutory notices under the Land (Miscellaneous Provisions) Ordinance (Cap. 28) demanding the registered owners to self-demolish such unauthorised structures, or if the owners fail to do so, taking up the demolition work and recovering the costs so incurred; and (2) for completed unauthorised structures, proceeding with re-entry action if breaches are not purged in good time after registration of warning letters in the Land Registry.

As staff handling unauthorised structures on private agricultural land also carry out other land administration duties, there is no separate breakdown on the number of staff and staff cost solely for handling this category 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) at an estimated staff cost of \$46.83 million.

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