

CONTROLLING OFFICER'S REPLY

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Head: (91) Lands Department
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Question:

- (1) How many cases of suspected unauthorised felling or damage of trees on government land and on private land were received by the Lands Department in 2015?
- (2) Of the above, how many were confirmed cases? In respect of private land, how many cases were confirmed to be in breach of the tree preservation clause under lease upon investigation, and what follow-up actions were taken by the Department?

Asked by: Dr Hon Kenneth CHAN Ka-lok (Member Question No. 275)

Reply:

Nine cases of suspected unauthorised felling or damage of trees were received by the Lands Department (Lands D) in 2015 and they were all confirmed after investigation. Seven cases concerning trees on government land were referred to the Agriculture, Fisheries and Conservation Department for action. The other two cases concerned trees within private lots in respect of which the relevant leases contained a tree preservation clause. Lands D has issued warning letters to the relevant private lot owners and the justifications for the unauthorised felling/trimming given by the private lot owners are being considered by Lands D.

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