

CONTROLLING OFFICER'S REPLY

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Head: (91) Lands Department
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Question:

- (1) How many complaints about residential and industrial premises in breach of specified user conditions were received by the Lands Department in 2015 and how many of them were substantiated? What follow-up/enforcement actions were taken?
- (2) How many of the warning letters issued have not been complied with so far and how many premises still have breaches that have not been rectified?
- (3) How many cases of breaches of user conditions in residential and industrial premises had actions taken against or encumbrances or attachment imposed because of failure to comply with orders in 2015?

Asked by: Dr Hon Kenneth CHAN Ka-lok (Member Question No. 278)

Reply:

In 2015, the number of complaints received by the Lands Department (Lands D) in respect of suspected non-conforming uses in residential premises and industrial premises, the number of confirmed lease breach cases with enforcement action taken by Lands D by issuing warning letters and the number of non-compliance cases resulting in warning letters being registered in the Land Registry and re-entry/vesting action taken by Lands D are as follows:

Number of cases	Residential premises	Industrial premises
Number of complaints received by Lands D in respect of suspected non-conforming uses ^(Note)	250	964
Number of substantiated cases with warning letters issued during the year ^(Note)	30	172
Number of substantiated cases with warning letters registered in the Land Registry during the year ^(Note)	10	62
Number of substantiated cases with re-entry/vesting action taken during the year ^(Note)	0	4

Note: The cases processed in a year may not necessarily correspond to the complaint cases received in the same year.

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