

**CONTROLLING OFFICER'S REPLY**

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Question:

1. How many currently valid short term tenancies (STTs) are there and what are the areas involved? How many of them have current uses different from the planning intentions?
2. How many of the valid STTs have been renewed for one to three years, four to six years, seven to nine years and ten years or above on a monthly or quarterly basis after the expiry of the original terms? What are the reasons for their continuous renewals over the years?

Asked by: Dr Hon Kenneth CHAN Ka-lok (Member Question No. 283)

Reply:

1. There are currently over 5 000 short term tenancies (STTs) with a total area of over 800 hectares. The uses permitted under these STTs are in compliance with the relevant Outline Zoning Plan. In processing the tender or direct grant of STTs, District Lands Offices of the Lands Department (Lands D) will consult relevant government departments on the aspects under their respective purviews, including the Planning Department on the planning aspects.
2. STTs are normally granted for a fixed term of not more than five years and thereafter monthly or quarterly. If, upon expiry of the fixed terms, the sites concerned are not immediately required for permanent or other temporary uses, those STTs let by direct grant can generally continue on a monthly or quarterly basis while those let by tender will generally be re-tendered for another fixed term unless the remaining short duration for which the site will be available does not justify re-tendering. STTs will be terminated at an appropriate time to tie in with the long-term use identified for the

site or another temporary use which should be given priority in the light of changing circumstances, or to facilitate re-tender if appropriate. Lands D does not have readily available statistics or breakdown of STTs based on the number of times of renewal.

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