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Question:

Regarding the case of Gig Lok Monastery (GLM) found to have unlawfully occupied government land for columbarium use since 2010, please provide details of the follow-up actions taken by the Lands Department last year:

- i. How many site inspections were conducted?
- ii. How many land control actions were taken and how many statutory orders issued? Have all the demolition orders expired? What are the details?
- iii. Have all the statutory orders been complied with, for example, demolishing all the structures on government land? If not, what follow-up actions will the Government take? Will the unlawful occupier(s) be prosecuted?
- iv. When is the unlawful occupation of government land by GLM expected to be completely rectified?

Asked by: Dr Hon Kenneth CHAN Ka-lok (Member Question No. 403)

Reply:

The relevant information on the enforcement action taken by the Lands Department (Lands D) in 2015 against the unlawful occupation of government land by Gig Lok Monastery (GLM) is set out below:-

- i. 41 site inspections were conducted by District Lands Office/Tuen Mun (DLO/TM) of Lands D in 2015.

ii, iii & iv As all unauthorised structures on government land had been demolished by GLM, no enforcement notice under the Land (Miscellaneous Provisions) Ordinance (Cap. 28) was issued in respect of the case in 2015. DLO/TM fenced up the cleared government land in October 2015.

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