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Question:

What were the expenditure and manpower involved in investigations into the construction of unauthorised structures in small houses in the past five years? How many cases of unauthorised structures were identified during routine inspections by the Lands Department in the past five years and what was their percentage share in the total number of cases of unauthorised structures? What will be the estimated expenditure and manpower required for this task in 2016-17?

Asked by: Dr Hon KWOK Ka-ki (Member Question No. 60)

Reply:

Where unauthorised structures in small houses constitute a breach of lease conditions (normally a breach of the development conditions, e.g. in respect of number of storeys and building height), the Lands Department (Lands D) would take appropriate lease enforcement action having regard to any enforcement action taken by the Buildings Department against unauthorised building works in New Territories Exempted Houses (NTEHs) (including small houses) under the Buildings Ordinance (Cap.123). The number of confirmed cases involving breach of development conditions of NTEHs in the past five years (2011 to 2015) is set out below:

Year	Number of confirmed cases involving breach of development conditions of NTEHs
2011	1 383
2012	510
2013	415
2014	382
2015	210

Cases involving breach of development conditions of NTEHs are handled by the existing staff of Lands D and as part of their lease enforcement work. We are unable to provide a breakdown of the resources deployed solely for handling breach of development conditions of NTEHs.

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