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Question:

Does the Government have any plan to review whether sites currently under short term tenancies can be rezoned to allow for long-term uses such as housing or community facilities? If yes, what will be the progress of the review and the expenditure involved?

Asked by: Dr Hon KWOK Ka-ki (Member Question No. 62)

Reply:

The Government has adopted a multi-pronged approach to increase land supply to meet the housing and other development needs of Hong Kong. As one of the initiatives under the multi-pronged approach, the Government has been undertaking various land use reviews. The Lands Department has assisted the Planning Department in its territory-wide reviews, which include sites under short term tenancies. Suitable sites have been identified through the land use reviews for housing and other purposes. Some of the sites so identified have been rezoned to residential use and included in the Land Sale Programme or allocated to the Housing Department for public housing development, while some sites are undergoing the statutory rezoning procedures or under various technical assessments/studies by the concerned departments.

We are unable to provide the expenditure for providing support in the various land use reviews as the staff involved also handle other land administration work.

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