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Question:

Please provide details about the applications for revitalisation of industrial buildings received, processed and approved by the Government in the last five years and the expenditure involved.

Asked by: Dr Hon KWOK Ka-ki (Member Question No. 65)

Reply:

The Government announced in October 2009 a set of measures to facilitate the redevelopment and wholesale conversion of old industrial buildings aimed at providing more floor space that met Hong Kong's changing social and economic needs. The measures came into effect on 1 April 2010 and ended on 31 March 2016. As at end February 2016, the Lands Department (Lands D) had received 22 applications for redevelopment and 193 applications for wholesale conversion under the measures, of which 20 applications for redevelopment and 104 applications for wholesale conversion had been approved. For the remaining applications, 68 are being processed while another 23 have been withdrawn by the applicants or rejected.

A dedicated team has been set up in Lands D to process the applications. The team now comprises 12 staff and the staff expenditure in 2015-16 is about \$6 million.

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