

CONTROLLING OFFICER'S REPLY**DEVB(PL)393****(Question Serial No. 6386)**

Head: (91) Lands Department

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Programme: (1) Land Administration

Controlling Officer: Director of Lands (Ms Bernadette LINN)

Director of Bureau: Secretary for Development

Question:

Of all the agricultural land and land zoned "Agriculture" under Outline Zoning Plans, how much was left idle and how much was used for non-agricultural purposes (such as levelled for building houses, used for open storage, paved with concrete, used for dumping construction waste and filling of over 1.2 metres) in the past five years?

| As at | Total area (hectare) | Area of land left idle (hectare) | Area of land used for non-agricultural purposes | Non-agricultural purposes |
|-----------|----------------------|----------------------------------|---|---------------------------|
| 31.3.2011 | | | | |
| 31.3.2012 | | | | |
| 31.3.2013 | | | | |
| 31.3.2014 | | | | |
| 31.3.2015 | | | | |

Asked by: Dr Hon Fernando CHEUNG Chiu-hung (Member Question No. 95)

Reply:

Land zoned "Agriculture" on the statutory plans covers both government land and private land. Lot owners of the private land have the right to decide whether, and if so how, to make gainful use of the land to the extent permissible under the lease and the relevant laws. The Lands Department does not have readily available information on the actual uses on land zoned "Agriculture" at any one point in time.

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