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Question:

How many inspections were initiated by the Government in each of the last five years to check whether the successful tenderers of the short term tenancies (STTs) granted had breached any lease conditions or not? How many breaches were found each year? Was any STT terminated accordingly; if yes, how many?

Asked by: Dr Hon Fernando CHEUNG Chiu-hung (Member Question No. 111)

Reply:

In general, the District Lands Offices (DLOs) of the Lands Department (Lands D) conduct inspection of sites held by short term tenancy (STT) every three years. The DLOs will also inspect the STT sites upon receipt of complaints or referrals. For STTs with higher risk of breach, including those with previous incidences of breach, DLOs proactively inspect the sites periodically to monitor compliance. For STT sites granted by tender, the number of inspections conducted by the DLOs for various purposes in 2012, 2013, 2014 and 2015 were about 180, 120, 120 and 110 respectively. Lands D does not have readily available statistics on the number of breaches found each year. According to the records available, in respect of those STTs granted by tender, the number of tenancies terminated in 2012 and 2013 due to breach of STT conditions were two and one respectively, while no such cases were recorded for 2014 and 2015. Lands D does not have readily available statistics for 2011.

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