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Question:

Please provide the number of valid short term tenancies (STTs) as at 31 December 2015, and of which the respective number of STTs which have been renewed once, twice, thrice or more.

Asked by: Dr Hon Fernando CHEUNG Chiu-hung (Member Question No. 365)

Reply:

There are currently over 5 000 short term tenancies (STTs). The STTs are normally granted for a fixed term of not more than five years and thereafter monthly or quarterly. If, upon expiry of the fixed terms, the sites concerned are not immediately required for permanent or other temporary uses, those STTs let by direct grant can generally continue on a monthly or quarterly basis while those let by tender will generally be re-tendered for another fixed term unless the remaining short duration for which the site will be available does not justify re-tendering. An STT will be terminated at an appropriate time to tie in with the long-term use identified for the site or another temporary use which should be given priority in the light of changing circumstances, or to facilitate re-tender if appropriate. The Lands Department does not have readily available statistics or breakdown of STTs based on the number of times of renewal.

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