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Question:

Please provide the following: (1) the total number of currently valid short term tenancies (STTs), (2) of which the number of STTs granted in various ways and the area of land covered.

2015-2016	All currently valid STTs	Open tender	Direct grant	Regularisation of unlawful occupation of government land	Converted from government land licence/ permit
Number of STTs					
Area of land covered					

Asked by: Dr Hon Fernando CHEUNG Chiu-hung (Member Question No. 366)

Reply:

There are currently over 5 000 short term tenancies (STTs) with a total area of over 800 hectares across the whole of Hong Kong. The information on STTs granted by open tender and direct grant, as at mid-March 2016, is set out in the following table:

	Open tender	Direct grant
Number of STTs	About 500	About 4 800
Area of land covered	About 200 hectares	About 600 hectares

The direct grant STTs include, amongst others, those granted for conversion of government land licences/permits and those for regularisation of unlawful occupation of government land. Given the considerable number of currently valid direct grant STTs, the Lands Department does not have readily available breakdown of these STTs granted over the years based on their historical background, including whether they were granted for conversion or regularisation.

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