

**CONTROLLING OFFICER'S REPLY****DEVB(PL)401****(Question Serial No. 6771)**

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:

1. Please provide (1) the numbers of valid short term tenancies (STTs) currently granted for private garden purpose and (2) the total area and geographical distribution of the land involved.

2015-2016	Number of valid STTs	Area of land
The whole territory		
Eastern District		
Wan Chai District		
Central and Western District		
Southern District		
Kwun Tong District		
Wong Tai Sin District		
Kowloon City District		
Sham Shui Po District		
Yau Tsim Mong District		
Sai Kung District		
Sha Tin District		
Tai Po District		
North District		
Yuen Long District		
Tuen Mun District		
Tsuen Wan District		
Kwai Tsing District		
Islands District		

2. Please provide the numbers of valid STTs used as private gardens which have been renewed once, twice, thrice, four times or more respectively.

	Valid STTs granted for private garden purpose	Renewed once	Renewed twice	Renewed thrice	Renewed four times or more
Number of STTs					

Asked by: Dr Hon Fernando CHEUNG Chiu-hung (Member Question No. 373)

Reply:

Information as at mid-March 2016 on short term tenancies (STTs) permitting private garden use with breakdown by District Lands Office is set out in the following table:

	Number of STTs permitting private garden use	Approximate area (m <sup>2</sup> )
Hong Kong East	26	12 700
Hong Kong West & South	95	41 100
Kowloon East	7	6 700
Kowloon West	6	1 700
Islands	207	29 800
North	35	15 600
Sai Kung	711	163 500
Sha Tin	168	22 200
Tuen Mun	54	18 700
Tai Po	272	47 200
Tsuen Wan & Kwai Tsing	19	4 400
Yuen Long	145	10 700
Total	1 745	374 300

Direct grant of STTs for private garden use on market rent will only be considered for sites adjoining private land and are of no general commercial interest or are incapable of separate alienation, and where there is no foreseeable public use for the government land concerned. The granting of such STTs helps put to gainful use land which would otherwise lie idle. As with other STTs by direct grant, STTs for private garden use are normally granted for a fixed term of not more than five years and thereafter monthly or quarterly. In general, STTs by direct grant, including those for private garden use, can continue after the expiry of the fixed terms on a monthly or quarterly basis if the sites are not immediately required for permanent or other temporary uses. 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.

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