

**CONTROLLING OFFICER'S REPLY****DEVB(PL)402****(Question Serial No. 6772)**

Head: (91) Lands Department

Subhead (No. & title): (-) Not Specified

Programme: (1) Land Administration

Controlling Officer: Director of Lands (Ms Bernadette LINN)

Director of Bureau: Secretary for Development

Question:

Please provide:

- (a) the number of cases of unlawful occupation of government land identified during enforcement actions and the total area of land involved in the past five financial years; and
- (b) of which the number of cases where Short Term Tenancies (STTs) were granted to the occupiers by way of regularisation.

	2011-12	2012-13	2013-14	2014-15	2015-16
Number of cases of unlawful occupation of government land identified during enforcement actions					
Total area of land involved					
Of which the number of cases where STTs were granted to the occupiers by way of regularisation					

Asked by: Dr Hon Fernando CHEUNG Chiu-hung (Member Question No. 375)

Reply:

The number of confirmed cases of unlawful occupation of government land and the number of cases of regularisation through granting of short term tenancies (STTs) in the past five calendar years are tabulated below.

	2011	2012	2013	2014	2015
Number of confirmed cases of unlawful occupation of government land	6 309	7 668	7 589	8 397	8 915
Number of cases of regularisation through granting of STTs <sup>(Note)</sup>	132	140	64	50	83

Note: The cases approved in a year may not necessarily correspond to the confirmed cases in the same year.

For confirmed cases of unlawful occupation of government land, the Lands Department (Lands D) normally issues statutory notices under the Land (Miscellaneous Provisions) Ordinance (Cap. 28) to require rectification by a certain deadline, after which the land remaining unlawfully occupied will be cleared. Lands D does not keep statistics on the area of land involved.

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