

CONTROLLING OFFICER'S REPLY

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Head: (91) Lands Department
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Question:

Please elaborate on the following over the past five years:

- (a) the remuneration for officers inspecting unlawful occupation of government land and the related expenditure; the remuneration for officers taking relevant enforcement action and the related expenditure;
- (b) the remuneration for officers processing “the regularisation of tenancy” and the related expenditure;
- (c) the remuneration for officers handling several cases of in-situ land exchange in Kwu Tung North and Fanling North New Development Areas and the related expenditure; and
- (d) the number of cases in which non-residential sites were converted to residential sites, the new floor area involved, the remuneration for officers calculating and handling such premium incomes and the related expenditure over the past five years.

Asked by: Hon CHU Hoi-dick (Member Question No. 53)

Reply:

- (a) In the past five financial years (2012-13 to 2016-17), an average of 213 staff were involved in land control work (including vegetation work on government land) involving an average staff expenditure of \$82.18 million per year. There is no separate breakdown in respect of the expenditure for conducting inspections and for taking enforcement actions as both are integral elements of the land control work.
- (b) As staff handling applications of short term tenancies for regularisation also carry out other land administration duties, there are no separate breakdowns on their remuneration and related expenditure.

- (c) The Lands Department (Lands D) received a total of ten in-situ land exchange applications in respect of the land earmarked for private development within the Kwun Tung North and Fanling North New Development Areas. As at the end of February 2017, out of these ten applications, two applications have been accepted for further processing. There is no separate breakdown in respect of the remuneration for officers and related expenditure deployed solely for handling such applications as staff of the District Lands Office/North processing the cases also carry out other land administration duties.
- (d) From 1 April 2012 up to end of February 2017, Lands D approved and executed 17 cases of lease modification or land exchange involving change of the permitted use in the lease from non-residential uses (including agricultural or industrial uses) to residential uses. These 17 cases involved a total residential gross floor area of about 511 000 square metres.

We are unable to provide a separate breakdown of the manpower and expenditure deployed solely for the related premium assessment work as the officers involved also carry out other land administration duties.

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