

CONTROLLING OFFICER'S REPLY

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Question:

Please inform this Committee of the following:

- (a) the staff establishment and relevant expenditure for land sales and tender exercises in the past five years;
- (b) updated information on the district area, and address and area of the lots of government land left idle; and
- (c) updated information on the district area, and address and area of the lots of sites granted by short term tenancies.

Asked by: Hon CHU Hoi-dick (Member Question No. 66)

Reply:

- (a) The work on readying the government sites for open sale is undertaken by staff in the Lands Department (Lands D) as part of their overall duties. We are unable to provide a separate breakdown of the manpower and expenditure deployed solely for undertaking such work as the said staff also carries out other land administration duties.
- (b) The Government has, in response to questions raised by the Legislative Council in July and October 2012, compiled on a one-off basis statistics on unleased and unallocated government land in certain land use zonings: "Residential", "Commercial/Residential", "Village Type Development", "Commercial", "Industrial", "Government, Institution or Community" and "Open Space". The statistics including the geographical distribution of the unleased and unallocated government land are published on the Development Bureau's website (http://www.devb.gov.hk/en/issues_in_focus/the_land_area_analysis/index.html).

Significant resources are required for such work and hence no update is made to this one-off stock-taking of government land in various land use zonings.

- (c) There are currently over 5 000 short term tenancies (STTs). The area of land currently covered by these STTs as at end of February 2017 with breakdown by district is tabulated below:-

	Area of land granted by STTs (hectare) (ha)
Hong Kong East	17
Hong Kong West & South	54
Kowloon East	52
Kowloon West	61
Islands	1 720*
North	53
Sai Kung	53
Sha Tin	55
Tuen Mun	50
Tai Po	38
Tsuen Wan & Kwai Tsing	144
Yuen Long	120
Sites for railway development projects	53
Total	2 470

* Including about 1 640 ha let to the Airport Authority Hong Kong for land formation and related works of the Three-Runway System and about 50 ha let to the Scout Association of Hong Kong for a special camping event.

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