

**CONTROLLING OFFICER'S REPLY**

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Question:

The Government indicated that 11 606 government sites had been cleared from unlawful occupation. What was the area of the sites involved? Upon clearance, will any developments be carried out on the sites? If yes, what are the details? If no, what are the reasons?

Asked by: Hon LAM Cheuk-ting (Member Question No. 16)

Reply:

In 2016, Lands Department completed land control action against unlawful occupation of 11 606 government sites. We do not keep statistics on the area for such cases, as the unlawful occupation took different forms including, for instance, banners on roadside railings, bicycles on public pavements/bicycle parks, skips on public carriageways, miscellaneous articles on back lanes, steps/ramps/shop front extensions on public pavements and encroachment by adjoining private lot owners. Given the diverse nature of occupation, it is not meaningful to keep statistics on land area for all the cases, such as those involving public pavements. Generally most of the unlawful occupation cases do not involve government land with development potential, as government land with such potential is normally fenced up.

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