

CONTROLLING OFFICER'S REPLY**DEVB(PL)157****(Question Serial No. 1809)**

Head: (91) Lands Department

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Programme: (1) Land Administration

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Director of Bureau: Secretary for Development

Question:

Please inform this Committee of the following:

- 1) the number of cases of unauthorised structures on private agricultural land handled by the Lands Department in the last three years;
- 2) the number of enforcement actions, the number of structures removed by the owners as required, and the number of those removed by the Government as mentioned in question 1).

Asked by: Hon WAN Siu-kin, Andrew (Member Question No. 43)

Reply:

The relevant statistics regarding lease enforcement actions taken against unauthorised structures on private agricultural land by the Lands Department (Lands D) in the last three calendar years (2014 to 2016) are as follows:

| Calendar Year | 2014 | 2015 | 2016 |
|--|------|-------|-------|
| (a) Number of cases of unauthorised structures on private agricultural land identified ^(Note) | 810 | 686 | 751 |
| (b) Number of cases with enforcement actions ^(Note) taken during the year (which may take the form of issue of warning letters/statutory notices; registration of warning letters in the Land Registry; re-entry and/or vesting) taken against unauthorised structures on private agricultural land | 665 | 1 021 | 1 397 |
| (c) Number of cases with unauthorised structures demolished by the owners ^(Note) | 125 | 211 | 211 |
| (d) Number of cases with unauthorised structures demolished by Lands D ^(Note) | 15 | 4 | 9 |

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Note: The cases processed in a year may not necessarily correspond to the cases identified in the same year. Each case may involve more than one private lot and/or structure.

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