

CONTROLLING OFFICER'S REPLY**DEVB(PL)165****(Question Serial No. 1892)**

Head: (91) Lands Department

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Programme: (1) Land Administration

Controlling Officer: Director of Lands (Ms Bernadette LINN)

Director of Bureau: Secretary for Development

Question:

- Regarding the management of brownfield sites in the New Territories and the study on their existing operations by the Government in the past five years, please reply in the following table.

Year	Total areas of brownfield sites owned by the Government in the territory with a breakdown by 18 districts (hectares)	Total areas of government-owned brownfield sites let by way of short term tenancy (hectares)	Total amounts of yearly rentals in respect of brownfield sites in the territory (HK\$)	Total areas of brownfield sites reported for being unlawfully occupied with a breakdown by 18 districts (hectares)	Figures on successful prosecutions for unlawfully occupying brownfield sites on government land (cases)	Total amounts of fines imposed for unlawfully occupying brownfield sites on government land (HK\$)
2012						
2013						
2014						
2015						
2016						

- Total numbers of brownfield sites granted with short term tenancies even when unlawful occupation of government land was substantiated upon investigation, and the total amounts of rentals involved in the past five years.
- Short term tenancies for brownfield sites on government land granted and the total amount of rentals in 2017-18.
- How many resources will be spent on developing and managing brownfield sites in the New Territories in 2017-18?

5. Will an open database of brownfield sites in the New Territories be set up in the coming five years for public inspection to facilitate reports of unlawful occupation of brownfield sites on government land by this Committee and the general public?

Asked by: Hon YEUNG Alvin (Member Question No. 35)

Reply:

With a view to facilitating the Government's formulation of appropriate policies and measures for tackling brownfield sites in a holistic manner, the Planning Department will commission the Study on Existing Profile and Operations of Brownfield Sites in the New Territories in 2017 (the Study) to survey the distribution and uses of brownfield sites in the New Territories. The target is to complete the Study within 2018.

Pending the completion of the Study, and in consequence the possible emergence of a consensus on a more precise working definition of "brownfield sites" which enables the Lands Department (Lands D) to compile statistics in respect of specific sites on the basis of whether they constitute "brownfield sites", Lands D would not be in a position to provide the number of "brownfield sites" on government land granted with short term tenancy (STT), the total amount of STT rent involved and the resources spent on managing unallocated and unleased "brownfield sites" in the New Territories in 2017-18.

In respect of prosecution for unlawful occupation of government land, Lands D has not kept statistics based on the nature of unlawful occupation. Just for the purpose of illustration, among cases of prosecution for unlawful occupation of government land taken by Lands D in 2016, seven cases are related to unlawful occupation for dumping of fill materials, open storage, recycling yards and garage. All cases were convicted with fines ranging from \$16,200 to \$378,000.

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