

CONTROLLING OFFICER'S REPLY**DEVB(PL)312****(Question Serial No. 6841)**

Head: (91) Lands Department

Subhead (No. & title): (-) Not Specified

Programme: (2) Survey and Mapping

Controlling Officer: Director of Lands (Ms Bernadette LINN)

Director of Bureau: Secretary for Development

Question:

In the past five years, aerial photographs taken from an altitude of 4 000 feet were produced by the Photogrammetric and Aerial Survey Section (PASS) of the Lands Department (Lands D) for the Environmental Protection Department (EPD) to determine any potential violation of the Environmental Impact Assessment (EIA) Ordinance, such as construction being carried out without a permit or reclamation works exceeding the threshold limit. Please provide in table form the works projects, number of shooting, specific expenditure and number of staff involved.

Year	Works Project	Number of Shooting	Specific Expenditure	Number of Staff Involved
2012-2013				
2013-2014				
2014-2015				
2015-2016				
2016-2017				

In 2017-2018, aerial photographs taken from an altitude of 4 000 feet are expected to be produced by PASS of Lands D for EPD to determine any potential violation of the EIA Ordinance, such as construction being carried out without a permit or reclamation works exceeding the threshold limit. Please provide in table form the works projects, number of shooting, specific expenditure and number of staff involved.

Works Project	Number of Shooting	Specific Expenditure	Number of Staff Involved

Asked by: Hon CHAN Tanya (Member Question No. 76)

Reply:

Photogrammetric and Aerial Survey Section (PASS) of the Lands Department (Lands D) takes aerial photos annually covering the whole territory at various altitudes from 2 000 feet to 15 000 feet. These photos are used by Lands D and other bureau/departments for different purposes such as topographic mapping, emergency survey, evidence gathering, planning and publicity. PASS also provides bureaux/departments with aerial photography services on project basis. In the past five years, Lands D received from time to time orders placed by the Environmental Protection Department (EPD) for publicly-released digital and paper aerial photographs taken at various altitudes from 1 000 feet to 20 000 feet. Other than the receipt of orders for photographs which were readily available, PASS did not receive any other request from EPD for carrying out specific photo-shooting during the past five years.

As requests for readily available photographs or special photo-shooting exercises may be made on a need basis during the year, Lands D is not in a position to give any indicative forecast in respect of requests from EPD for 2017-18.

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