

CONTROLLING OFFICER'S REPLY

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Question:

Regarding management of vacant government sites, please provide the following information:

1. When will the list of vacant school premises be circulated to the relevant District Offices and District Social Welfare Offices, deposited at the Planning Enquiry Counters of the Planning Department (PlanD), and uploaded onto PlanD's website for public inspection?
2. The list of vacant government sites (including vacant school premises) currently available for applications by non-governmental organisations (NGOs) for short-term use in each district.
3. When will the information on vacant government sites available for applications by NGOs for short-term use be made available for online inspection by the public?

Asked by: Hon CHEUNG Chiu-hung, Fernando (Member Question No. 6072)

Reply:

Where the long-term use of a site is yet to be determined or not yet due for implementation, the Lands Department (Lands D) would try to put the site to appropriate temporary use(s), including temporary uses by government bureaux or departments on temporary government land allocations or by parties outside the Government through short term tenancy (STT). For sites including vacant school premises which may be temporarily used by District Councils or non-governmental organisations (NGOs) for greening or community purposes, the relevant District Lands Offices (DLOs) circulate the lists to the relevant District Councils on a regular basis. The list relevant to the concerned district is also copied to the

subject District Office and District Social Welfare Office and is available for public inspection at the subject DLO. To further facilitate public access to the list of vacant school premises managed by Lands D which may be available for application on short-term basis by NGOs, Lands D uploaded the information onto its website on 28 March 2017.

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