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Question:

How many inspections were initiated by the Government in each of the last five years to check whether the successful tenderers of the short term tenancies (STTs) granted had breached any lease conditions or not? How many breaches were found each year? Was any STT terminated accordingly; if yes, how many?

Asked by: Hon CHEUNG Chiu-hung, Fernando (Member Question No. 2251)

Reply:

In general, the District Lands Offices (DLOs) of the Lands Department conduct inspection of sites held by short term tenancy (STT) every three years. For STTs with higher risk of breach, including those with previous incidences of breach, DLOs proactively inspect the sites periodically to monitor compliance. DLOs will also inspect the STT sites upon receipt of complaints or referrals. For STT sites granted by tender, DLOs conducted a total of about 180, 120, 120, 110 and 290 inspections respectively in 2012, 2013, 2014, 2015 and 2016. In 2016, about 30 occasions of breaches were identified with some involving the same STTs. The statistics on the number of breaches from 2012 to 2015 are not readily available. According to the records available, a total of five STTs granted by tender were terminated during the period from 2012 to 2016 due to breach of STT conditions.

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