

**CONTROLLING OFFICER'S REPLY****DEVB(PL)364****(Question Serial No. 5818)**

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Question:

Regarding unlawful occupation of government land, will the Government inform this Committee of the following information:

1. The number of pieces of government land with enforcement action taken against unlawful occupation in each of the past three financial years.
2. In which District Council districts were the above cases distributed? Please give a breakdown by year.
3. Of the sites included in above cases, how many were granted by short term tenancies (STTs) each year? How many hectares of land were involved? Were the lessees the original occupiers? Please list the information in the following table:

Enforcement cases and lot numbers	Area	Date of granting STTs	Were the lessees the original occupiers? (Y/N)

Asked by: Hon YIU Chung-yim (Member Question No. 14)

Reply:

- 1 & 2. Unlawful occupation of government land takes different forms including, for instance, banners on roadside railings, bicycles on public pavements/bicycle parks, skips on public carriageways, miscellaneous articles on back lanes, steps/ramps/shop front extensions on public pavements and encroachment by adjoining private lot owners. The breakdown of number of government sites cleared by the Lands Department (Lands D) in the calendar years from 2014 to 2016 by the 12 District Lands Offices is as follows:

District	Number of government sites cleared in respect of unlawful occupation of government land		
	2014	2015	2016
Hong Kong East	1 530	1 680	1 784
Hong Kong West & South	616	668	895
Kowloon East	803	1 064	1 642
Kowloon West	1 353	776	2 877
Islands	209	86	110
North	282	298	256
Sai Kung	480	266	659
Sha Tin	408	441	492
Tuen Mun	193	269	334
Tai Po	542	543	484
Tsuen Wan & Kwai Tsing	648	461	543
Yuen Long	872	579	1 530
Total	7 936	7 131	11 606

3. Lands D has regularised the unlawful occupation of government land by the grant of 50, 83 and 62 short term tenancies (STTs) to the occupiers or related parties in accordance with established practice in the calendar years from 2014 to 2016 respectively. Those regularisation STTs granted in each of the three years involve a total area of 1 hectare, 2.47 hectares and 1.68 hectares respectively. In view of the time required to process a regularisation application, the regularisation tenancies granted in a year may not correspond to the unlawful occupation cases identified in the same year.

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