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Question:

Regarding the measures implemented to revitalise industrial buildings as mentioned under the Programme, please list the number of applications received, their floor areas and converted uses involved, as well as the number of applications approved and their floor areas involved, in the past three years.

Asked by: Hon CHAN Hak-kan (LegCo internal reference no.: 4)

Reply:

The Government announced in October 2009 a set of measures to facilitate the wholesale conversion and redevelopment of old industrial buildings to provide more floor space that meets Hong Kong's changing social and economic needs. The measures came into effect on 1 April 2010 and ended on 31 March 2016. Throughout these six years, the Lands Department (LandsD) received 226 applications for wholesale conversion and 22 applications for redevelopment under the measures. As at end-December 2018, 158 applications for wholesale conversion and all the applications for redevelopment had been approved. The approved applications would provide a total of about 2.17 million square metres^{Note 1} of converted or new gross floor area after completion of works.

A summary of the major uses of the approved wholesale conversion and redevelopment cases is shown below.

(a) Wholesale Conversion

Uses	Applications approved
(a) Hotel use	24
(b) Office and other major uses ^{Note 2}	134

(b) Redevelopment

Uses ^{Note 3}	Applications approved
(a) Hotel use	6
(b) Office / Commercial use	10
(c) Residential use	6

Note 1: Exclude subsequently withdrawn / terminated cases.

Note 2: Except for hotel use, applicants for wholesale conversion usually applied to LandsD for special waivers covering a combination of new uses permitted under the planning regime so as to allow more flexibility for their conversion projects. Such uses include, among others, office, shops and services, eating places, information technology and telecommunications, educational institutions and places of recreation, sports or culture; and they are often not mutually exclusive.

Note 3: Applications for redevelopment may cover more than one category of uses and only their respective primary proposed uses are stated.

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