

CONTROLLING OFFICER'S REPLY

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Head: (91) Lands Department
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Programme: (1) Land Administration
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Question:

The Government will implement a funding scheme to support gainful uses of vacant government sites and school premises by non-governmental organisations (NGOs) for non-profit-making community purposes. Please inform this Committee of the following:

- a. Information in table form on vacant government sites or school premises leased to NGOs through short-term tenancies (STTs) in the past three years, including:
 - (i) name of NGO;
 - (ii) location of the leased site or school premises;
 - (iii) use of the leased site or school premises by NGO;
 - (iv) tenancy term.

- b. Information in table form on applications submitted by NGOs for leasing vacant government sites or school premises through STTs in 2018-19 and 2019-20, including:
 - (i) name of NGO;
 - (ii) location of the leased site or school premises;
 - (iii) use of the leased site or school premises by NGO;
 - (iv) tenancy term;
 - (v) expenditure on restoration works projected by NGO

Asked by: Hon FAN Kwok-wai, Gary (LegCo internal reference no.: 28)

Reply:

- a. In respect of the vacant government sites (VGSs) (including vacant school premises (VSPs)) managed by the Lands Department (LandsD), a total of 13 short-term tenancies (STTs) were approved by LandsD in the past three financial years (i.e. 2016-17, 2017-18 and 2018-19 up to the end of January 2019) for various not-for-profit purposes. LandsD does not have information on the tenancies of VSPs under the management of other bureaux/departments.

Details of the 13 cases approved by LandsD are as follows -

Location	Name of Tenant	Tenancy Term	Permitted User
1. Sin Fat Road, Kwun Tong (VGS)	Chelsea Foundation (Hong Kong) Ltd	3 years certain from 3 January 2017 and thereafter quarterly	Soccer training activities centre
2. J/O Jordan Road and Canton Road (VGS)	Yaumati Kai Fong Welfare Advancement Association	1 year certain from 4 August 2017 and thereafter quarterly	Facility for a neighbourhood welfare organisation
3. Nos. 445 & 447 Shanghai Street and Nos. 322 & 324 Reclamation Street (VGS)	The Hong Kong Chinese Martial Arts Dragon and Lion Dance Development Foundation Limited	1 year certain from 31 May 2017 and thereafter monthly	Cultural training venue
4. Ah Kung Kok Fishermen Village, Sha Tin (VGS)	Shatin Women's Association Limited	3 years certain from 1 April 2016 and thereafter quarterly	Organic farm
5. Wong Yin Street, Tuen Mun (VGS)	Hong Kong Society of Rehabilitation	1 year certain from 2 May 2017 and thereafter quarterly	Parking place for rehabilitation buses
6. Greening Site in Shui Chong Street (VGS)	The Hong Kong Polytechnic University	3 years certain from 10 December 2018 and thereafter quarterly	Road Research Laboratory and such other ancillary purposes
7. Choi Ming Street near G.T. (Ellen Yeung) School, Tseung Kwan O (VGS)	Direction Association For The Handicapped	1 year certain from 22 February 2019 and thereafter quarterly	Wheelchair Maintenance and Seminar Venue for the Disabled Persons or such other ancillary uses

Location	Name of Tenant	Tenancy Term	Permitted User
8. Former Wai Kwan Primary School, Tong Yan San Tsuen, Yuen Long (VSP)	The Industrial Evangelistic Fellowship Ltd	Quarterly from 27 June 2015 ^(Note 1)	Social service centre
9. Former Tsing Boor School, Sai Kung (VSP)	The Salt & Light Preservation Centre Ltd.	5 years term certain from 15 May 2016 and thereafter quarterly	Cultural resource centre
10. Former Wan Kwong School, Sai Kung (VSP)	The Village Representative of Tai Wan Tau Village	1 year term certain from date of Agreement and thereafter annually (approved in principle but pending offer and acceptance)	Village office
11. Former Tai Lam Chung Public School, Tuen Mun (VSP)	Tai Lam Chung Culture and Recreation Association Limited	1 year term certain from 1 October 2017 and thereafter quarterly (approved in principle but pending offer and acceptance)	Community centre
12. Former Kat O School, North (VSP)	City University of Hong Kong	78 months certain from 1 January 2018 and thereafter quarterly	Education and research centre
13. Former Sheung Che Public School, Pat Heung, Yuen Long (VSP)	The Village Representatives of Sheung Che Tsuen	1 year certain from 1 September 2017 and thereafter quarterly	Village office

Note 1: The tenancy was approved on 6 May 2016.

- b. In the financial year of 2018-19 (up to the end of January 2019), 16 STT applications for use of VGSs (including seven applications for use of VSPs) were received. As these applications are still under processing, we are not in a position to provide the details of the applications. LandsD is unable to estimate the number of applications in 2019-20 as it is subject to the response from prospective applicants. LandsD does not have information on the applications for VSPs under the management of other bureaux/departments.

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