

CONTROLLING OFFICER'S REPLY**DEVB(PL)180****(Question Serial No. 3211)**

Head: (91) Lands Department

Subhead (No. & title): (-) Not Specified

Programme: (1) Land Administration

Controlling Officer: Director of Lands (Thomas CHAN)

Director of Bureau: Secretary for Development

Question:

It is mentioned in the Budget that there are 1 550 vacant sites managed by the Lands Department covering 300 hectares of land in this financial year. Please inform this Committee of the (1) number and (2) area of these vacant sites in each district.

Asked by: Hon MAK Mei-kuen, Alice (LegCo internal reference no.: 7)

Reply:

In the year of 2019, it is estimated that the Lands Department (LandsD) will manage 1 550 vacant sites with a total area of 300 hectares. Since the figures are estimates only, no breakdown is available. In the year of 2018, LandsD managed 1 626 vacant sites with a total area of 297 hectares and a breakdown by District Lands Office is shown in the table below. The majority of these sites are sites earmarked for and pending long-term or permanent development, sites fenced-off after land control action, sites under processing for short-term or temporary uses, works sites returned by various works departments after completion of projects, and sites that are in transition between different uses. LandsD is responsible for their general maintenance including grass cutting, pest control, as well as prevention of unauthorised occupation.

District Lands Office	No. of Sites	Area (m²) (About)
Hong Kong East	48	108 000
Hong Kong West & South	155	247 000
Kowloon East	83	556 000
Kowloon West	48	94 000
Islands	98	143 000
North	325	492 000

District Lands Office	No. of Sites	Area (m²) (About)
Sai Kung	142	278 000
Sha Tin	123	123 000
Tuen Mun	86	297 000
Tai Po	85	94 000
Tsuen Wan & Kwai Tsing	112	95 000
Yuen Long	321	443 000
Total	1 626	2 970 000

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