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Question:

In “Matters Requiring Special Attention in 2019-20”, the Administration states that the Department will continue to facilitate and expedite land supply for housing and other developments through streamlining processes and expediting procedures for land disposal and lease modifications/land exchanges. In this connection, will the Administration inform this Council the targets and latest development in streamlining processes and expediting procedures for land disposal and lease modifications/land exchanges. Please provide in details the time and procedures that have been reduced for land disposal and lease modifications/land exchanges over the last 12 months as well as the number of land sites that have been benefited by the Department's streamlined processes and procedures.

Asked by: Hon SHEK Lai-him, Abraham (LegCo internal reference no.: 43)

Reply:

To expedite the processing of land disposal and lease modification/land exchange cases, two new dedicated teams, namely Land Supply Section (“LSS”) and Development Control Section (“DCS”), have been recently established in the Lands Department. The LSS specialises in handling land sale cases under the Government’s Land Sale Programme and major lease modifications/land exchange cases, with its objective to fast track processing of cases that will generate land supply for residential, commercial and industrial uses. The DCS, with its Building Plan Unit, is responsible for handling the entire building plan checking process for all new building plan submissions of residential sale sites and large scale residential developments, including railway property developments and developments of the Urban Renewal Authority and Hong Kong Housing Society, so as to expedite the approval of development submissions under lease.

Since the two dedicated teams are expected to commence their full operation in the first quarter of fiscal year 2019-20, no statistics has been compiled in respect of their processing of land disposal and lease modification/land exchange cases in the last 12 months.

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