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Question:

Regarding the 38 hectares of sites intended for issuing short-term tenancies to non-government entities in 2019-20, what is the estimated area of land to be used for carparks, container vehicle parking, storage and cargo handling, and what is the tenure of such tenancies on average?

Asked by: Hon YICK Chi-ming, Frankie (LegCo internal reference no.: 41)

Reply:

The total area of short-term tenancies (STTs) forecasted to be let (by tender and by direct grant) in 2019 is estimated to be about 38 hectares. Out of these prospective STTs, those proposed for temporary fee-paying carpark, storage and cargo handling purposes are estimated to account for about 85% in terms of area.

STTs are normally granted for a fixed term of a duration ranging from one to five years (in some cases with policy justifications a longer term of up to seven years may be granted). If, upon expiry of the fixed terms, the sites concerned are not immediately required for permanent or other temporary uses, those STTs let by direct grant can generally continue on a monthly or quarterly basis, while those let by tender will generally be re-tendered for another fixed term unless the remaining short duration for which the site will be available does not justify re-tendering. STTs will be terminated at an appropriate time to make way for implementation of the long-term planned use or another temporary use which should be given priority in the light of changing circumstances, or to facilitate re-tendering as appropriate.

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