

CONTROLLING OFFICER'S REPLY**DEVB(PL)326****(Question Serial No. 5335)**

Head: (91) Lands Department

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Programme: (1) Land Administration

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Question:

Regarding matters on squatter structures, please specify: (a) the respective numbers of surveyed domestic squatter structures, surveyed non-domestic squatter structures, eradicated surveyed domestic squatter structures and eradicated surveyed non-domestic squatter structures across the territory, with a tabulated breakdown by District Council district in each of the past five years; (b) the number of surveyed squatter structures across the territory, with a breakdown by land status (namely government land and private land) in each of the past five years; (c) the number of surveyed squatter structures across the territory, with a breakdown by use of squatter structures in each of the past five years; (d) the number of surveyed squatter structures across the territory, with a tabulated breakdown by catchment area of Squatter Control Office in each of the past five years; (e) the number of residents in surveyed squatter structures across the territory, with a tabulated breakdown by catchment area of Squatter Control Office in each of the past five years.

Asked by: Hon CHEUNG Chiu-hung, Fernando (LegCo internal reference no.: 2051)

Reply:

- (a) In the past five years (from 2014 to 2018), the number of surveyed domestic squatter structures is set out in the table below.

District ^(Note)	No. of surveyed domestic squatter structures			
	Hong Kong	Kowloon	New Territories	Total
Year				
2014	2 691	1 530	80 476	84 697
2015	2 688	1 529	80 217	84 434
2016	2 671	1 529	79 913	84 113
2017	2 661	1 528	79 673	83 862
2018	2 658	1 385	79 402	83 445

Note: LandsD does not have breakdown by District Council boundary.

In the past five years (from 2014 to 2018), the number of surveyed non-domestic squatter structures is set out in the table below.

District ^(Note)	No. of surveyed non-domestic squatter structures			
	Hong Kong	Kowloon	New Territories	Total
Year				
2014	1 780	718	302 829	305 327
2015	1 776	717	301 791	304 284
2016	1 766	713	300 516	302 995
2017	1 759	713	299 411	301 883
2018	1 748	683	298 228	300 659

Note: LandsD does not have breakdown by District Council boundary.

In the past five years (from 2014 to 2018), the number of surveyed domestic squatter structures of which the corresponding survey numbers have been deleted is set out in the table below.

District ^(Note)	No. of surveyed domestic squatter structures of which Squatter Control Survey (SCS) records have been deleted			
	Hong Kong	Kowloon	New Territories	Total
Year				
2014	7	2	248	257
2015	3	1	259	263
2016	17	0	304	321
2017	10	1	240	251
2018	3	143	271	417

Note: LandsD does not have breakdown by District Council boundary.

In the past five years (from 2014 to 2018), the number of surveyed non-domestic squatter structures of which the corresponding survey numbers have been deleted is set out in the table below.

District ^(Note)	No. of surveyed non-domestic squatter structures of which SCS records have been deleted			
	Hong Kong	Kowloon	New Territories	Total
Year				
2014	8	3	971	982
2015	4	1	1 038	1 043
2016	10	4	1 275	1 289
2017	7	0	1 105	1 112
2018	11	30	1 183	1 224

Note: The LandsD does not have breakdown by District Council boundary.

- (b) In the past five years (from 2014 to 2018), the number of surveyed squatter structures on private agricultural land or government land is set out in the table below.

	No. of surveyed squatter structures					
	No. of surveyed squatter structures on government land			No. of surveyed squatter structures (partial or wholly) on private agricultural land		
District (Note)	Hong Kong	Kowloon	New Territories	Hong Kong	Kowloon	New Territories
Year						
2014	3 583	1 799	121 457	888	449	261 848
2015	3 576	1 798	121 063	888	448	260 945
2016	3 555	1 794	120 642	882	448	259 787
2017	3 539	1 793	120 219	881	448	258 865
2018	3 524	1 621	119 710	881	448	257 920

- (c) In the past five years (from 2014 to 2018), the number of surveyed domestic squatter structures and non-domestic squatter structures is set out in the table below.

Type	Total no. of surveyed squatter structures		
	No. of surveyed domestic squatter structures	No. of surveyed non-domestic squatter structures	Total
Year			
2014	84 697	305 327	390 024
2015	84 434	304 284	388 718
2016	84 113	302 995	387 108
2017	83 862	301 883	385 745
2018	83 445	300 659	384 104

- (d) In the past five years (from 2014 to 2018), the number of surveyed squatter structures in seven regional Squatter Control Offices (SCOs) of the Lands Department (LandsD), viz. (i) Hong Kong and Lei Yue Mun (HK&LYM) Office, (ii) Kowloon, Tsuen Wan and Kwai Tsing (K, TW&KT) Office, (iii) Islands (Is) Office, (iv) New Territories East(1) (NTE1) Office, (v) New Territories East(2) (NTE2) Office, (vi) New Territories West(1) (NTW1) Office and (vii) New Territories West(2) (NTW2) Office is set out in the table below.

Year	No. of surveyed squatter structures						
	SCO						
	HK & LYM	K, TW & KT	Is	NTE1	NTE2	NTW1	NTW2
2014	5 662	11 248	23 027	57 157	109 006	66 005	117 919
2015	5 655	11 146	23 008	56 887	108 896	65 884	117 242
2016	5 624	11 106	22 970	56 663	108 696	65 469	116 580
2017	5 606	11 063	22 940	56 438	108 527	65 275	115 896
2018	5 590	10 845	22 921	56 215	108 439	64 831	115 263

- (e) The Government conducted a Squatter Occupancy Survey in 1984-85 which recorded the personal particulars of the then residents of the surveyed domestic squatter structures registered in the SCS in 1982. No occupancy survey on surveyed domestic squatter structures has been conducted by the Government after 1984-85. With the passage of time, LandsD does not have any up-to-date information on the number of households and residents living in the surveyed domestic squatter structures.

Note: It should be noted that the number of surveyed squatter structures throughout the reply above is based on the records of the SCS conducted by the Housing Department in 1982, and adjusted due to deletion of the survey records after 1982 for various reasons (e.g. enforcement against breaches of squatter control or squatters found non-existent).

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