

**CONTROLLING OFFICER'S REPLY****DEVB(PL)327****(Question Serial No. 5336)**

Head: (91) Lands Department

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Question:

Regarding “squatter control and clearance”, will the Government inform this Committee of: (a) the respective numbers of surveyed domestic squatter structures, households and residents living there across the territory by 18 districts and land status (unleased or leased) on which the structures are located in the past five years; (b) the respective numbers of existing surveyed domestic squatter structures and surveyed non-domestic squatter structures, households and residents of such structures located within the three New Development Areas in Hung Shui Kiu, Yuen Long South, and Kwu Tung North and Fanling North according to the Government’s squatter control survey.

Asked by: Hon CHEUNG Chiu-hung, Fernando (LegCo internal reference no.: 2052)

Reply:

- (a) The number of surveyed domestic squatter structures (i.e. structures for domestic purpose covered by the territory-wide Squatter Control Survey (SCS) conducted in 1982) on unleased land and leased land in the past five years (from 2014 to 2018) is set out in the table below:

	<b>No. of surveyed domestic squatter structures</b>					
	<b>On unleased government land</b>			<b>On leased private land</b>		
<b>District (Note) Year</b>	<b>Hong Kong</b>	<b>Kowloon</b>	<b>New Territories</b>	<b>Hong Kong</b>	<b>Kowloon</b>	<b>New Territories</b>
2014	2 058	1 273	29 340	633	257	51 136
2015	2 055	1 272	29 276	633	257	50 941
2016	2 042	1 272	29 207	629	257	50 706
2017	2 033	1 271	29 153	628	257	50 520
2018	2 030	1 128	29 074	628	257	50 328

Note: The Lands Department (LandsD) does not have the breakdown by District Council boundary.

It should be noted that the number of surveyed domestic squatter structures 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).

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.

- (b) According to the pre-clearance survey (PCS) (commonly known as “freezing survey”) conducted by LandsD in connection with the Kwu Tung North and Fanling North New Development Area (NDA) and Hung Shui Kiu NDA, the respective numbers of affected surveyed squatter structures, households and residents located within these projects are listed in the table below:

NDA	No. of surveyed domestic squatter structures	No. of surveyed non-domestic squatter structures	No. of affected households	No. of persons registered
Kwu Tung North and Fanling North NDA	1 221	335	1 507	4 214
Hung Shui Kiu NDA	1 105	770	1 967	4 460

Since the PCS for the Potential Development Area in Yuen Long South has not been conducted, LandsD does not have information on the number of households and residents affected.

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