

CONTROLLING OFFICER'S REPLY**DEVB(PL)330****(Question Serial No. 5638)**

Head: (91) Lands Department

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Programme: (1) Land Administration

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Question:

Regarding unauthorised structures on private agricultural land, please inform this Committee of the following figures for the past five years: (a) the respective numbers of cases involving unauthorised structures on private agricultural land handled by the Lands Department; (b) the respective numbers of enforcement actions in relation to item (a) with a breakdown by type of enforcement, including issue of warning letters/statutory notices, registration of the warning letters at the Land Registry, re-entry upon the land and/or property vested in the Government; (c) the respective numbers of structures demolished by the owners as required and those demolished by the Government in relation to item (a).

Asked by: Hon CHEUNG Chiu-hung, Fernando (LegCo internal reference no.: 2055)

Reply:

The relevant statistics regarding lease enforcement actions taken against unauthorised structures on private agricultural land by the Lands Department (LandsD) in the last five calendar years (2014 to 2018) are as follows:

Calendar Year	2014	2015	2016	2017	2018
(a) Number of cases with enforcement actions initiated during the year against unauthorised structures on private agricultural land	665	1 021	1 397	1 190	1 086
Breakdown of enforcement actions by types of enforcement action ^(Note2)					
(i) Number of cases with warning letters issued (including statutory notices for unauthorised structures on private agricultural land)	665	1 021	1 397	1 190	1 086

Calendar Year	2014	2015	2016	2017	2018
(ii) Number of cases with warning letters registered in the Land Registry	240	564	473	510	510
(iii) Number of cases with re-entry action taken	2	3	4	10	12
(b) Number of cases with unauthorised structures demolished by the owners ^(Note1)	125	211	211	352	349
(c) Number of cases with unauthorised structures demolished by LandsD ^(Note1)	15	4	9	7	4

Note 1: A case may involve more than one private lot and/or structure.

Note 2: The total number of enforcement actions conducted may not necessarily correspond to the cases with enforcement actions taken during the year since each case may involve more than one enforcement action and the time of enforcement action may straddle different years.

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