

CONTROLLING OFFICER'S REPLY

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Question:

Regarding matters on squatter control, would the Government please inform this Committee of the following:

1. Please set out the numbers of inspections and their total time spent, as well as the numbers of enforcement actions taken in the past five years, with a breakdown by establishment of various offices under the Squatter Control Unit of the Lands Department.
2. What were the types and numbers of control actions (including issuance of warnings, removal of unauthorised structures, cancellation of squatter survey numbers, and others) taken by various offices under the Squatter Control Unit in the past five years?

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Reply:

- (1) Squatter control work is carried out by staff 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.

In the past five years, the establishment of each SCO, the total number of inspections conducted, time spent on inspections and number of enforcement actions taken are tabulated below.

Year	SCO	Establishment of SCO ^(Note)	Number of inspections conducted	Total inspection time (hours)	Number of enforcement actions taken
2014	HK &LYM	57	1 744	2 129	50
	K,TW&KT	70	2 987	3 909	184
	Is	40	1 202	4 007	111
	NTE1	62	3 330	4 250	274
	NTE2	52	3 287	4 284	243
	NTW1	40	3 394	4 073	292
	NTW2	53	3 003	5 568	1 082
Total		374	18 947	28 220	2 236

Year	SCO	Establishment of SCO ^(Note)	Number of inspections conducted	Total inspection time (hours)	Number of enforcement actions taken
2015	HK &LYM	57	1 938	2 366	32
	K,TW&KT	70	2 952	3 863	244
	Is	40	1 171	4 098	37
	NTE1	62	2 968	3 718	352
	NTE2	52	3 335	4 336	393
	NTW1	40	2 690	3 228	286
	NTW2	53	3 316	5 803	1 015
Total		374	18 370	27 412	2 359

Year	SCO	Establishment of SCO ^(Note)	Number of inspections	Total inspection time (hours)	Number of enforcement actions
2016	HK&LYM	57	2 291	2 791	102
	K, TW&KT	70	3 024	3 957	184
	Is	40	1 350	4 725	65
	NTE1	62	3 025	3 783	405
	NTE2	52	3 064	4 596	486
	NTW1	40	2 948	4 422	638
	NTW2	53	3 230	6 056	1 326
Total		374	18 932	30 330	3 206

Year	SCO	Establishment of SCO ^(Note)	Number of inspections	Total inspection time (hours)	Number of enforcement actions
2017	HK& LYM	57	2 169	3 003	16
	K, TW&KT	70	2 987	3 909	240
	Is	40	1 205	4 216	37
	NTE1	62	3 099	3 911	435
	NTE2	52	3 085	4 628	452
	NTW1	40	2 648	3 972	365
	NTW2	53	3 106	6 212	1 379
Total		374	18 299	29 851	2 924

Year	SCO	Establishment of SCO ^(Note)	Number of inspections	Total inspection time (hours)	Number of enforcement actions
2018	HK& LYM	57	2 277	3 036	49
	K, TW&KT	70	2 497	3 121	315
	Is	40	1 131	3 959	58
	NTE1	62	3 082	4 469	323
	NTE2	52	3 098	4 641	170
	NTW1	41	3 259	4 333	528
	NTW2	53	3 021	5 732	1 344
Total		375	18 365	29 291	2 787

Note: The figures on establishment of SCO include posts performing squatter control duties, but exclude posts performing general administrative and clerical support duties.

(b) In the past five years, the number of different types of control actions taken by the SCOs is tabulated below.

Year	Number of warning letters issued	Number of unauthorised structures on government land demolished	Number of survey numbers deleted	Total
2014	743	254	1 239	2 236
2015	841	212	1 306	2 359
2016	1 325	271	1 610	3 206
2017	1 326	235	1 363	2 924
2018	964	182	1 641	2 787

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