

CONTROLLING OFFICER'S REPLY**DEVB(PL)338****(Question Serial No. 6730)**

Head: (91) Lands Department

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Question:

Of all the agricultural land and land zoned "Agriculture" in outline zoning plans, what are the respective areas of land left idle and used for non-agricultural purposes (such as levelled for building houses, used for open storage, paved with concrete, used for dumping construction waste and earth filling of over 1.2 metres) in the past five years?

As at	Total area (hectare)	Area of land left idle (hectare)	Area of land used for non-agricultural purposes	Non-agricultural purposes

Asked by: Hon CHEUNG Chiu-hung, Fernando (LegCo internal reference no.: 7033)

Reply:

Land zoned "Agriculture" on the statutory plans covers both government land and private land. Lot owners of the private land have the right to decide whether, and if so how, to make gainful use of the land to the extent permissible under the lease and the relevant laws. The Lands Department does not have readily available information on the actual uses on land zoned "Agriculture" at any one point in time.

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