

**CONTROLLING OFFICER'S REPLY**

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Question:

Regarding “short-term tenancies (“STTs”) issued by the Lands Department to non-governmental organisations (“NGOs”) for the lease of vacant sites”, would the Government please provide the following information:

- a. The number of applications for leasing vacant government sites available for greening or government/institution/community uses, the number of approved applications and the area of the sites involved in each of the past two years.
- b. Further to (a) above, the number of approved applications, the area of each site and the average lease term with a breakdown by District Council district; and
- c. Are there any plans to review the existing conditions of STTs issued to NGOs? Will there be any increase in manpower and expenditure for handling these STT applications so as to cope with the greater number of applications for leasing vacant sites arising from the implementation of the “funding scheme to subsidise the use of vacant government sites and school premises” as mentioned in the Estimates. If yes, what are the expenditure and staff establishment?

Asked by: Hon SHIU Ka-chun (LegCo internal reference no.: 137)

Reply:

- a. In respect of the vacant government sites (VGSs) under the Lands Department’s (LandsD) management and available for application for short-term greening or government/institution/community uses, a total of 25 short-term tenancy (STT) applications were received in the past two financial years (i.e. 2017-18 and 2018-19 up to the end of January 2019) and two STTs with a total area of 1 287 square meters were approved by LandsD in the same period.

b. Details of the two STTs approved by LandsD are as follows –

<b>District Council district</b>	<b>Site Area (m<sup>2</sup>)</b>	<b>Tenancy Term</b>
Sha Tin	976	3 years certain and thereafter quarterly
Sai Kung	311	1 year certain and thereafter quarterly

c. Conditions for STTs for VGSs are formulated and issued to non-governmental organisations (NGOs) having regard to the circumstances of each individual case. The conditions are kept under review on an ongoing basis. The handling of these STT applications forms part of the general land administration work of LandsD. LandsD will continue to monitor the manpower and expenditure for handling these STT applications and review the situation as appropriate in the light of the implementation of the newly launched funding scheme to support the use of VGSs by NGOs.

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