

CONTROLLING OFFICER'S REPLY**DEVB(PL)368****(Question Serial No. 5133)**

Head: (91) Lands Department

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Programme: (1) Land Administration

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Question:

Please provide the following information: (1) the total number of currently valid short-term tenancies (STTs) and (2) of which the respective numbers of STTs granted in various ways and the respective areas of land covered.

As at the end of 2018	All currently valid STTs	Open tender	Direct grant	Regularisation of unlawful occupation of government land	Converted from government land licence/ permit
Number of STTs					
Area of land covered					

Asked by: Hon TAM Man-ho, Jeremy (LegCo internal reference no.: 418)

Reply:

The information on short-term tenancies (STTs) as at February 2019 is set out in the following table.

	All STTs	STTs let by open tender	STTs let by direct grant
Number (about)	5 600	450	5 150 (including about 370 STTs converted from government land licences / permits)
Area (hectare (ha)) (about)	2 500	250	2 250 (including about 10 ha for STTs converted from government land licences / permits)

The above figures include 63 STTs let by direct grant to the Airport Authority, the Hong Kong Housing Authority, MTR Corporation Limited and West Kowloon Cultural District Authority respectively with a total area of 1 765 ha (about), as well as an STT let by direct grant to Kadoorie Farm and Botanic Garden Corporation with an area of 55 ha.

The STTs let by direct grant also include, amongst others, those granted for regularisation of unlawful occupation of government land. The Lands Department does not have separate figures of STTs granted for regularisation prior to 2012, hence the total number and area of STTs granted for regularisation among all currently valid STTs cannot be provided. Given the considerable number of STTs granted over the years, compiling such information would involve significant resources.

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