

**CONTROLLING OFFICER'S REPLY****DEVB(PL)369****(Question Serial No. 5134)**

Head: (91) Lands Department

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Programme: (1) Land Administration

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Director of Bureau: Secretary for Development

Question:

Please provide, in table form, the statistics regarding unleased government land inspected and prosecuted by the Lands Department in the past five years.

Year	Number of inspections of unleased government land	Number of complaints received about suspected cases of unlawful occupation of government land	Number of confirmed cases of unlawful occupation of unleased government land	Area of land involved in confirmed cases of unlawful occupation of unleased government land	Number of cases of unlawful occupation subject to prosecution	Number of convicted cases	Number of cases in which unlawfully occupied land has been reinstated
2018							
2017							
2016							
2015							
2014							

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Reply:

The statistics regarding unleased government land inspected and unlawful occupation prosecuted by the Lands Department (LandsD) in the past five years are provided below:

Year	Number of complaints received about suspected cases of unlawful occupation of government land	Number of confirmed cases of unlawful occupation of unleased government land	Number of cases of unlawful occupation subject to prosecution	Number of convicted cases	Number of government sites cleared from unlawful occupation
2018	16 802	10 731	21	20	10 724
2017	18 153	11 295	27	22	11 615
2016	18 160	12 011	34	33	11 606
2015	12 602	8 915	14	14	7 131
2014	9 897	8 397	12	9	7 936

Note: As the processing of a case may straddle different years, the number of cases of a particular category reported in a year may not necessarily correspond to the cases of other category reported in the same year.

LandsD does not have readily available statistics on number of inspections of government land and the land areas involved in unlawful occupation of government land. Land inspections are conducted as part of the routine handling of land-related complaints including unlawful occupation of government land.

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