

CONTROLLING OFFICER'S REPLY**DEVB(PL)372****(Question Serial No. 5137)**

Head: (91) Lands Department

Subhead (No. & title): (-) Not Specified

Programme: (1) Land Administration

Controlling Officer: Director of Lands (Thomas CHAN)

Director of Bureau: Secretary for Development

Question:

- (a) Please provide in table form the number of currently valid short-term tenancies (STTs) granted to non-profit-making organisations, the railway corporation and other parties by way of "direct grant" and the site area covered in each of the past five years.

E.g. 2018	"Direct grant" of sites to non-profit-making organisations	"Direct grant" of sites to the railway corporation	"Direct grant" of sites to other parties
Number of STTs			
Site area covered			

- (b) Please provide the number of currently valid STTs granted to non-profit-making organisations by way of "direct grant" and the site area covered as at the end of 2018. How many of these STTs are charging only a "nominal rent"?
- (c) How many inspections were initiated by the Government in each of the past five years to check whether the successful tenderers of STTs had breached any lease conditions or not? How many breaches were identified each year? Were there any STTs terminated accordingly; if yes, how many?

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Reply:

- (a) & (b) Information as at February 2019 on currently valid short-term tenancies (STTs) granted by way of direct grant to the MTR Corporation Limited and other parties is set out in the table below. The Lands Department (LandsD) does not have readily available breakdown on the number of STTs granted to non-profit-making organisations, the area of land involved and the number of

such STTs granted at nominal rent. There are about 580 STTs granted on nominal rent for various non-profit-making uses, the tenants of which may or may not be non-profit-making organisations.

	Sites granted to the MTR Corporation Limited	Sites granted by direct grant to other parties including non-profit-making organisations
Number of STTs (about)	40	5 110
Area of land covered (about)	40 hectares	2 210 hectares ^{Note}

Note: Including about 1 640 hectares let to the Airport Authority Hong Kong for land formation and related works of the Three-Runway System.

- (c) In general, the District Lands Offices (DLOs) of LandsD conduct inspection of sites held by STT every three years. DLOs will also inspect STT sites upon receipt of complaints or referrals. For STTs with higher risk of breach, including those with previous incidences of breach, DLOs proactively inspect the sites periodically to monitor compliance. Figures on number of inspections conducted, STTs terminated due to breach of tenancy conditions and occasions of breaches detected in the past five years are listed below:

	2014	2015	2016	2017	2018
No. of inspections conducted	120	110	290	340	535
No. of STTs terminated due to breach of tenancy conditions	0	0	2	1	1
No. of occasions of breaches detected	*Not available	*Not available	30	50	105

* LandsD has no readily information on the no. of occasions of breaches in the years 2014 and 2015.

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