

**CONTROLLING OFFICER'S REPLY**

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Head: (91) Lands Department  
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Programme: (1) Land Administration  
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Question:

Please inform this Committee of the following:

- (1) The number of cases involving unauthorised structures on private agricultural land handled by the Lands Department in the past three years;
- (2) The number of enforcement actions (by types of enforcement, including issue of warning letters/statutory notices, registration of the warning letters at the Land Registry, re-entry upon the land and/or property vested in the Government) taken in relation to item (1); and
- (3) The number of structures demolished by the owners as required, and the number of those demolished by the Government in relation to item (1).

Asked by: Hon WU Chi-wai (LegCo internal reference no.: 82)

Reply:

The relevant statistics regarding lease enforcement actions taken against unauthorised structures on private agricultural land by the Lands Department (LandsD) in the last three calendar years (2016 to 2018) are as follows:

<b>Calendar Year</b>	<b>2016</b>	<b>2017</b>	<b>2018</b>
(a) Number of cases with enforcement actions initiated during the year against unauthorised structures on private agricultural land	1 397	1 190	1 086
Breakdown of enforcement actions by types of enforcement action <sup>(Note 2)</sup>			
(i) Number of cases with warning letters issued (including statutory notices for unauthorised structures on private agricultural land)	1 397	1 190	1 086
(ii) Number of cases with warning letters registered in the Land Registry	473	510	510
(iii) Number of cases with re-entry action taken	4	10	12
(b) Number of cases with unauthorised structures demolished by the owners <sup>(Note 1)</sup>	211	352	349
(c) Number of cases with unauthorised structures demolished by LandsD <sup>(Note 1)</sup>	9	7	4

Note 1: A case may involve more than one private lot and/or structure.

Note 2: The total number of enforcement actions conducted may not necessarily correspond to the cases with enforcement actions taken during the year, since each case may involve more than one enforcement action and the time of enforcement action may straddle different years.

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