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Question:

What were the expenditure and manpower involved in conducting inspections to detect any unlawful occupation of government land in the past five years? How many cases of unlawful occupation of government land were identified during routine inspections by the Lands Department in the past five years and what was their percentage share in the total number of cases of unlawful occupation of government land? What are the estimated expenditure and manpower required for handling this task in 2020-21?

Asked by: Hon CHAN Tanya (LegCo internal reference no.: 226)

Reply:

Conducting inspections of government sites is part of the overall government land control work carried out by the Lands Department (LandsD). Site inspections are mainly conducted in response to complaints, enquiries or referrals. In addition, LandsD also conducted routine site inspections on black spots from time to time subject to manpower availability. During the past five years (2015 to 2019), LandsD identified a total of 2,670 cases of unlawful occupation of government land during routine site inspections. This represents about 5% of the total number of cases of unlawful occupation of government land handled by LandsD during the period. As conducting inspections of government sites is part of the overall land control work of LandsD, there is no separate breakdown in respect of the expenditure for conducting routine inspections of government sites and taking follow-up actions. In the financial year 2020-21, 236 full-time equivalent staff will be involved in land control work at an estimated cost of $121.5 million.

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