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Question:

What were the expenditure and manpower involved in conducting inspections to detect any illegal excavation on private land leading to development in the past five years? How many such cases of illegal excavation on private 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 such cases of illegal excavation on private 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.: 227)

Reply:

Lease enforcement action against unauthorised excavation on private land only represents part of the lease enforcement work and staff handling unauthorised excavation on private land also carry out other land administration duties. There is no separate breakdown on the number of staff and staff cost solely for handling unauthorised excavation on private land. In the financial year 2020-21, 183 full-time equivalent staff will be deployed to take up lease enforcement work at an estimated cost of $95.6 million.

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