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Head: (91) Lands Department

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Question:

Please provide details about the number of complaints received and handled by the Government about the unauthorised occupation of border land by the Shenzhen Municipal People’s Government in the past five years, as well as a concrete account of the latest development of each case. Please provide the expenditure on border patrols by the Lands Department in 2020-21.

Asked by: Hon CHAN Tanya (LegCo internal reference no.: 237)

Reply:

The Lands Department (LandsD) received in early-November 2018 an enquiry about occupation of land near Sha Tau Kok River by Mainland personnel. In respect of this case, the position of the Hong Kong Special Administrative Region (HKSAR) Government has been that the relevant section of the boundary of HKSAR at the location in question has not changed since 1997, and the land in question falls within HKSAR territory. After discussion, the relevant Mainland authorities have no disagreement towards the view of the HKSAR Government. The Mainland personnel has stopped using the land in question. Nor has the incident led to any change in land ownership for the said piece of land. The HKSAR Government is continuing the discussion with the relevant Mainland authorities on relevant matters, including the demarcation of boundary on the ground in future to facilitate identification.

The work of LandsD in monitoring the use of land near the HKSAR administrative boundary, including conducting inspections and monitoring through aerial photos, is conducted as part of its overall duties of land administration. No separate breakdown on the expenditure in this regard is available.

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