

Panel on Environmental Affairs
Follow-up Actions of the Meeting on 25 April 2016

**Issues relating to the soil fill near
Kingswood Villas in Tin Shui Wai**

1. The Administration to provide information on the number of cases of unauthorized development involving illegal land filling, storage of sand or dumping of construction waste in the New Territories dealt with by the Planning Department (PlanD) in the past 10 years, and the follow-up actions it had taken to deal with such cases.

The Administration's response is as follows:

In the past 10 years (from 2006 to 2015), PlanD had issued 18 502 Enforcement Notices (ENs)/ Stop Notices (SNs) in respect of 2 979 cases, 3 755 Reinstatement Notices (RNs) in respect of 665 cases, and 16 338 Compliance Notices (CNs) in respect of 2 589 cases. Prosecution actions had been instigated against 467 cases involving 1 576 summonses.

For unauthorized development cases involving illegal land/pond filling during the said period, PlanD had issued 3 982 ENs/ SNs in respect of 560 cases, 2 344 RNs in respect of 369 cases, and 5 336 CNs in respect of 750 cases. Prosecution actions had been instigated against 76 cases involving 242 summonses.

For unauthorized development cases involving storage of sand/gravel, PlanD had issued 35 ENs in respect of three confirmed cases. Of them, unauthorized development of one case had been discontinued after EN was issued and the concerned site had been reinstated after issuance of a RN. For the other two cases, the compliance period stipulated in the ENs served in end 2015 had just expired and the unauthorized uses had been discontinued. Follow-up action is being considered including issuance of RN and CN.

2. The Administration to provide a written response on whether the Lands Department (LandsD) will compile a database on the locations, lot boundaries and land titles of all land lots in the New Territories for public access.

The Administration's response is as follows:

Approximate locations, boundaries and particulars of individual private lots are publicly accessible information in Hong Kong. At present, if members of the public wish to see the location and boundaries of a private lot, they may purchase a Lot Index Plan (LIP) from the map sales counters of the Survey and Mapping Office of LandsD. The LIP is specifically produced to show the approximate location and boundaries of the lot concerned and the land status information of its vicinity area. Members of the public may also search for the approximate locations and boundaries of individual private lots by its lot number through the Geoinfo Map available on the Internet provided by the Government. If members of the public wish to know the ownership of a private lot, they may obtain the relevant information by conducting searches in the Land Registry. They may also place an order for copies of the land documents (with the lease conditions set out therein) for that lot. LandsD has no plan to create any new database to carry such information which will be duplicative in function to the aforementioned sources.