

Examination of Estimates of Expenditure 2003-04
**CONTROLLING OFFICER'S REPLY TO
INITIAL WRITTEN QUESTION**

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Question : How many environmental black spots on private and government land in the New Territories does the Lands Department plan to clear in 2003-04? Please list the locations of the black spots on private and government land, the manpower required and the expenditures involved respectively.

Asked by: Hon. WONG Yung-kan

Reply:

In 2003-04, the Task Force (Black Spots)(TFB) of Lands Department plans to clear 140 environmental black spots on private land and 125 environmental black spots on government land. The details are shown below:

<u>Location</u>	<u>No. of sites on private land</u>	<u>No. of sites on government land</u>
Pat Heung/San Tin	35	47
Shap Pat Heung	33	6
Ngau Tam Mei	18	24
Wang Chau	17	6
Sai Kung	13	-
Ha Tsuen & Lau Fau Shan	10	3
North District/Tai Po	9	1
Tin Shui Wai	5	-
Yuen Long/Tuen Mun Corridor :		
• Yuen Long Section	-	3
• Tuen Mun Section	-	10
Other areas in the New Territories	-	25
Total	140	125

In addition, the TFB will continue to grant short term tenancies and short term waivers to the site owners/occupiers, coordinate with concerned Government departments to deal with illegal dumping, clear sites for prevention of dengue fever, and identify and dispose of suitable sites for port back-up and open storage uses.

The improvements on private land are to be undertaken by the owners at their own expense. The TFB has 121 staff involving an estimated recurrent expenditure of \$43 million and non-recurrent expenditure of \$11.5 million to undertake all of its responsibilities in 2003-04.

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