

Examination of Estimates of Expenditure 2003-04  
**CONTROLLING OFFICER'S REPLY TO  
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Question :        What are the expenditures of the Lands Department for the clearance of environmental black spots on private and government land in the territory this year? Please list the locations of these black spots and the details of the action plans concerned.

Asked by:        Hon. HO Chun-yan, Albert

Reply:        The Task Force (Black Spots) (TFB) of Lands Department is responsible for the clearance of environmental black spots on private and government land in the territory. It has 121 staff involving an estimated recurrent expenditure of \$43 million and non-recurrent expenditure of \$11.5 million in 2003-04.

The TFB plans to clear 140 environmental black spots on private land and 125 environmental black spots on government land in 2003-04. The details are shown below:

<u>Location</u>	<u>No. of sites on private land</u>	<u>No. of sites on government land</u>
<b>Pat Heung/San Tin</b>	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
<b>Total</b>	<b>140</b>	<b>125</b>

The action plans mainly involve requiring existing occupiers to undertake environmental improvement works at their own expense. In addition, landscaping works will be carried out on government land.

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