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CONTROLLING OFFICER'S REPLY TO INITIAL WRITTEN QUESTION

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Question: In 2005, the Government cleaned up 858 sites in order to prevent the spread of dengue fever and Japanese encephalitis. Please list out the sites by district, the manpower and the expenditure involved. Will the Administration continue to carry out large-scale and regular clean-up exercises? If yes, please advise us of the details; if not, what are the reasons?

Asked by: Hon. LI Kwok-ying

Reply:

In 2005, Lands Department (Lands D), as part of the Administration's effort to eliminate the breeding grounds for mosquitoes to prevent the spread of dengue fever and Japanese encephalitis, cleaned up 858 sites under its charge. The list of sites by district is shown below:

<u>District</u>	No. of sites
Central & Western	5
Eastern	26
Islands	86
Kowloon City	10
Kwai Tsing	50
Kwun Tong	22
North	54
Sai Kung	87
Sha Tin	95
Sham Shui Po	19
Southern	64
Tai Po	71
Tsuen Wan	24
Tuen Mun	51
Wan Chai	10
Wong Tai Sin	40
Yau Tsim Mong	18
Yuen Long	126
Total:	858

The cleaning work was carried out by the Department's term contractors under supervision of the staff in our District Lands Offices (DLOs). About 130 DLO staff were engaged in the work and the expenditure was about \$8 million.

Lands D will continue to assist in any anti-mosquito campaign to prevent the spread of dengue fever and Japanese encephalitis in the coming years.

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