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Question: Regarding squatter control and clearance under Programme (1) Land Administration, the actual number of surveyed structures inspected in 2006 was 200 908. How many of these structures were in the rural areas of the New Territories, and what were the main types of structures? How many of these structures were in the urban areas in Hong Kong, Kowloon and new towns in the New Territories, and what were the main types of structures? What actions will be taken against these structures?

Asked by: Hon. CHEUNG Hok-ming

Reply :

The 200 908 surveyed structures inspected in 2006 included 187 684 structures in the rural areas of the New Territories, and 13 224 structures in the urban areas in Hong Kong, Kowloon and the new towns in the New Territories. Squatter structures in the rural areas of the New Territories were mainly non-domestic structures whilst those in the urban areas in Hong Kong, Kowloon and the new towns in the New Territories were mostly domestic structures. These structures were covered by Government's survey in 1982 and given 'tolerated' status until they are required to be cleared for government development projects, environmental improvement projects or safety reasons.

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