

Examination of Estimates of Expenditure 2007-08

**CONTROLLING OFFICER'S REPLY TO
INITIAL WRITTEN QUESTION**

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Question: In 2006, the Government cleared up 898 sites under its charge in order to prevent the spread of dengue fever and Japanese encephalitis. Please list out the number of cases of the clearing work and the expenditure involved by district. How much resources and manpower will be reserved for 2007-08 to prevent the spread of dengue fever and Japanese encephalitis?

Asked by: Hon. LI Kwok-ying

Reply:

The Lands Department, as part of the Administration's effort to eliminate the breeding grounds for mosquitoes to prevent the spread of dengue fever and Japanese encephalitis, cleared up 898 sites under its charge in 2006. The number of sites and the expenditure involved broken down by district are shown below :

<u>District</u>	<u>No. of sites</u>	<u>Expenditure (\$'000)</u>
Central & Western	4	60
Eastern	17	100
Islands	116	510
Kowloon City	10	90
Kwai Tsing	61	170
Kwun Tong	29	250
North	74	500
Sai Kung	110	555
Sha Tin	98	512
Sham Shui Po	19	180
Southern	25	413
Tai Po	65	625
Tsuen Wan	24	80
Tuen Mun	48	540
Wan Chai	16	80
Wong Tai Sin	38	330
Yau Tsim Mong	18	170
Yuen Long	<u>126</u>	<u>1,050</u>
Total :	<u>898</u>	<u>6,215</u>

The work was carried out by the Department's term contractors under supervision of the existing staff in the District Lands Offices. For 2007-08, about 130 staff will be engaged in all aspects of land control and management work including the prevention of dengue fever and Japanese encephalitis. An amount of \$7.5 million will be reserved for the clearing work.

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