

CONTROLLING OFFICER'S REPLY

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Question:

The review of vacant and to-be-vacant school premises is mentioned under “Matters Requiring Special Attention in 2026-27”. This matter was mentioned in the draft Estimates for previous years as well. Please inform this Committee of the following:

- (1) In the past 3 financial years, how many vacant school premises in total were reviewed by the Planning Department? Of these premises, what were the numbers of successful cases of rezoning for housing or other public and community uses respectively?
- (2) How many vacant school premises are expected to be reviewed on a continuous basis in 2026-27? Is there any significant change in the estimated expenditure involved as compared with that of the past?

Asked by: Hon LAM Siu-lo, Andrew (LegCo internal reference no.: 34)

Reply:

- (1) In accordance with the Central Clearing House (CCH) mechanism, when the Education Bureau (EDB) confirms that a vacant or to-be-vacant school premises site is no longer required for school uses, EDB will inform the Planning Department (PlanD) and other relevant departments (such as the Lands Department and the Housing Department). PlanD will review these sites and recommend suitable long-term uses for them, such as government, institution or community (G/IC), residential and other uses. In the past 3 financial years, 14 sites were reviewed by PlanD. Among these sites, 9 were recommended to be retained for G/IC use, and the remaining 5 for long-term residential use. None of the sites requires rezoning. The relevant details are as follows:

District	Former school name	Zoning on the Outline Zoning Plan concerned	Recommended long-term use under CCH mechanism
Southern	Caritas Wu Cheng-chung Secondary School	“G/IC”	G/IC use

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Eastern	Caritas Chai Wan Marden Foundation Secondary School	“G/IC”	G/IC use
	The Salvation Army Centaline Charity Fund School	“G/IC”	G/IC use
	Chai Wan Star of The Sea Catholic Primary School	“Residential (Group A)” (“R(A)”)	Residential use
Wan Chai	Hong Chi Lions Morninghill School	“G/IC”	G/IC use
	North Point Government Primary School (Cloud View Road)	“G/IC”	G/IC use
Kwun Tong	S.K.H. St. John’s Primary School	“G/IC”	G/IC use
Sham Shui Po	Chan Shu Kui Memorial School	“G/IC”	G/IC use
Wong Tai Sin	Po Yan Oblate Primary School	“G/IC”	G/IC use
	S.K.H. Ching Shan Primary School	“R(A)”	Residential use
	S.K.H. Yat Sau Primary School	“R(A)”	Residential use
North	Pui Ling School of The Precious Blood	“G/IC”	G/IC use
	HHCKLA Buddhist Chan Shi Wan Primary School	“R(A)”	Residential use
Tai Po	NTWJWA Christian Remembrance of Grace Primary School	“R(A)”	Residential use

- (2) The above bureaux and departments will continue to process vacant school premises sites in accordance with the mechanism in 2026-27. Regarding the estimated expenditure, the review of vacant school premises sites is one of the tasks under PlanD’s purview. We are therefore unable to provide a breakdown on the manpower and expenditure involved solely for this policy initiative.

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