

CONTROLLING OFFICER'S REPLY

FSTB(Tsy)025

(Question Serial No. 2932)

Head: (76) Inland Revenue Department

Subhead (No. & title): ()

Programme: (1) Assessing Functions

Controlling Officer: Commissioner of Inland Revenue (WONG Kuen Fai)

Director of Bureau: Unspecified

Question:

What are the respective numbers of cases and total amounts of tax paid for Special Stamp Duty, Buyer's Stamp Duty and Double Stamp Duty in the past three years? (Please set out in the table below.)

Year	Special Stamp Duty		Buyer's Stamp Duty		Double Stamp Duty	
	Number of cases	Total amount of tax paid	Number of cases	Total amount of tax paid	Number of cases	Total amount of tax paid
2014						
2015						
2016						

Asked by: Hon OR Chong-shing, Wilson (Member Question No. 25)

Reply:

The total numbers of cases and amounts of duty collected in respect of Special Stamp Duty (SSD), Buyer's Stamp Duty (BSD) and Ad Valorem Stamp Duty (AVD) at Scale 1 rates (i.e. Doubled Stamp Duty) from the financial years 2014-15 to 2016-17 are as follows:

Financial Year	SSD		BSD		AVD at Scale 1 rates (Note)	
	No. of cases	Total amount collected (\$million)	No. of cases	Total amount collected (\$million)	No. of cases	Total amount collected (\$million)
2014-15	589	203	4 966	9,627	32 045	13,872
2015-16	550	220	2 191	4,812	37 160	17,022
2016-17 (As at 28 February 2017)	519	226	2 498	6,621	35 688	17,641

Note:

AVD at Scale 1 rates

The Stamp Duty (Amendment) (No.2) Ordinance 2014 (Amendment Ordinance) was published in the Gazette on 25 July 2014. The figures in the above table represent the number of cases and the amount of stamp duty collected in respect of the property sale and purchase instruments executed on or after 25 July 2014 that are chargeable to AVD at Scale 1 rates.

Besides, the Government introduced a new round of demand-side management measure to increase the AVD rate for residential property transactions to a flat rate of 15% with effect from 5 November 2016. To implement the measure, the Government has introduced the Stamp Duty (Amendment) Bill 2017 (Amendment Bill) into the Legislative Council (LegCo). The 2016-17 figures may include the cases which are subject to AVD at the new flat rate. Nevertheless, since the Amendment Bill is pending passage by LegCo, the amounts of stamp duty shown in the above table only reflect AVD collected at the existing Scale 1 rates (but not the new flat rate of 15%). The Inland Revenue Department will record all the residential property transactions between 5 November 2016 and the date on which the Stamp Duty Amendment Ordinance (after passage of the Amendment Bill) is published in the Gazette, which have been stamped with AVD at the existing Scale 1 rates. Demand notes for the payment of additional stamp duty (i.e. difference between AVD computed at 15% and AVD at the existing Scale 1 rates) will be issued to the duty payers after the gazettal of the Stamp Duty Amendment Ordinance.

- End -