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(I) Special Stamp Duty

Unless otherwise specified in the Stamp Duty Ordinance, Special Stamp Duty (SSD) is applicable to all residential properties acquired on or after 20 November 2010.

Starting from 27 October 2012, the Government raised the rates of SSD and extended the property holding period for charging SSD.

In August 2018, 48 residential property transactions were subject to SSD in accordance with the Stamp Duty Ordinance. The details of these transactions are categorized as follows:

Holding period after acquisition	No. ^{Note}	Duty (\$'000)
6 months or less	4	343
More than 6 months but for 12 months or less	2	1,605
More than 12 months but for 36 months or less	42	25,194
Total	48	27,142

Besides, in the latest six months, the number of cases involved and the amount of SSD collected are tabulated as follows:

Month	No. ^{Note}	Duty (\$M)
Mar 2018	42	24.5
Apr 2018	51	27.4
May 2018	63	42.9
Jun 2018	60	44.6
Jul 2018	42	26.0
Aug 2018	48	27.1

(II) Buyer's Stamp Duty

Unless otherwise specified in the Stamp Duty Ordinance, Buyer's Stamp Duty (BSD) is applicable to all residential properties acquired on or after 27 October 2012.

In the latest six months, the number of cases involved and the amount of BSD collected are tabulated as follows:

Month	No.^{Note}	Duty (\$M)
Mar 2018	321	591.1
Apr 2018	305	698.7
May 2018	405	858.2
Jun 2018	340	1,718.5
Jul 2018	201	654.5
Aug 2018	275	681.3

(III) Doubled Ad Valorem Stamp Duty (DSD) and New Residential Stamp Duty (NRSD)

Unless otherwise specified in the Stamp Duty Ordinance, any instruments executed on or after 5 November 2016 for the acquisition of residential property are subject to ad valorem stamp duty (AVD) at the rate under Part 1 of Scale 1, i.e. the 15% NRSD flat rate. AVD at the rates under Part 2 of Scale 1, i.e. the AVD Scale 1 rates before the Stamp Duty (Amendment) Ordinance 2018 came into effect, commonly known as DSD rates, continues to apply to instruments of non-residential property transactions.

For instruments of property transactions executed in the latest 6 months and chargeable to AVD at the rates under Part 1 of Scale 1 and Part 2 of Scale 1, the number of cases involved and the amount of duty collected are tabulated as follows:

Month	No.^{Note}			Amount of duty charged with AVD at Scale 1 rates (\$M)		
	Residential Properties	Non-residential Properties	Total	Residential Properties	Non-residential Properties	Total#
Mar 2018	636	1 818	2 454	1,067.3	832.2	1,899.5
Apr 2018	666	2 598	3 264	1,259.0	1,045.5	2,304.5
May 2018	725	3 032	3 757	1,492.9	1,070.6	2,563.5
Jun 2018	802	3 103	3 905	2,806.4	998.7	3,805.1
Jul 2018	541	2 764	3 305	1,372.7	777.2	2,149.9
Aug 2018	559	2 272	2 831	1,111.2	758.7	1,869.9

#Figures may not add up to total due to rounding

Note : According to the Stamp Duty Ordinance, a chargeable agreement for sale / conveyance on sale should be stamped within 30 days after execution. The figures in the table above for a particular month may include transactions which took place in previous month and thus may not fully reflect the market situation of that particular month.

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