

**Table 1**

The numbers of assessments on agricultural lots in the New Territories, the total rates payable before the deduction of rates concession and the average rates payable in the past 5 years are tabulated below:

	<b>As at April 1, 2018</b>	<b>As at April 1, 2017</b>	<b>As at April 1, 2016</b>	<b>As at April 1, 2015</b>	<b>As at April 1, 2014</b>
<b>Number of assessments on agricultural lots in the New Territories</b>	54 804	53 860	52 834	51 399	49 419
<b>Total rates payable (\$ million)</b>	330	300	280	250	230
<b>Average rates payable (\$)</b>	5,998	5,551	5,306	4,991	4,659

**Table 2**

The average rates payable before the deduction of rates concession for properties on agricultural lots in the New Territories in the past 5 years, sorted by rateable value, are tabulated below:

<b>Rateable value (\$)</b>	<b>Average rates payable before deduction of rates concession (\$)</b>				
	<b>As at April 1, 2018</b>	<b>As at April 1, 2017</b>	<b>As at April 1, 2016</b>	<b>As at April 1, 2015</b>	<b>As at April 1, 2014</b>
<b>3,001 - 29,999</b>	720	717	717	726	731
<b>30,000 - 59,999</b>	2,250	2,269	2,293	2,329	2,364
<b>60,000 - 89,999</b>	3,838	3,809	3,772	3,715	3,656
<b>90,000 - 119,999</b>	5,152	5,096	5,066	5,039	5,037
<b>120,000 - 199,999</b>	7,180	7,286	7,360	7,420	7,446
<b>200,000 - 299,999</b>	12,294	12,221	12,206	12,187	12,074
<b>300,000 - 399,999</b>	17,189	17,150	17,114	17,170	17,314
<b>400,000 - 499,999</b>	22,228	22,257	22,346	22,417	22,549
<b>500,000 - 999,999</b>	33,420	32,895	33,248	33,514	33,736
<b>≥ 1,000,000</b>	123,411	115,155	110,991	111,649	112,700

**Table 3**

The numbers of properties on agricultural lots in the New Territories that were no longer exempt from assessment to rates because of changes to non-agricultural operations and those that were exempt from assessment to rates again because of their reversion to agricultural operations in the past 5 financial years are tabulated below:

<b>Financial year</b>	<b>Number of properties on agricultural lots in the New Territories that were no longer exempt from assessment to rates because of changes to non-agricultural operations</b>	<b>Number of properties on agricultural lots in the New Territories that were exempt from assessment to rates again because of their reversion to agricultural operations</b>
<b>2017-18</b>	1 238	294
<b>2016-17</b>	1 366	340
<b>2015-16</b>	1 649	214
<b>2014-15</b>	2 243	263
<b>2013-14</b>	2 227	204

**Table 4**

Since properties that are exempt from assessment to rates are not on the Valuation List, Rating and Valuation Department (RVD) does not possess the statistics on agricultural lots that are exempt from assessment to rates in Wang Chau, Yuen Long, Yuen Long South Development and Hung Shui Kiu New Development Area. Information relating to assessments on agricultural lots in the above three areas is tabulated below:

<b>Rating assessments on agricultural lots</b>	<b>Wang Chau</b>	<b>Yuen Long South</b>	<b>Hung Shui Kiu</b>
<b>Number of properties</b>	36	796	2 897
<b>Total amount of rates payable before the deduction of rates concession (\$ million)</b>	5	7.3	23.4
<b>Average amount of rates payable before the deduction of rates concession (\$)</b>	14,259	9,152	8,088

**Table 5**

As at April 1, 2018, the average rates payable before the deduction of rates concession for properties on agricultural lots in Wang Chau, Yuen Long, Yuen Long South Development and Hung Shui Kiu New Development Area, sorted by rateable value, are tabulated below:

Rateable Value (\$)	Average amount of rates payable before deduction of rates concession (\$)		
	Wang Chau	Yuen Long South	Hung Shui Kiu
<b>3,001 - 29,999</b>	1,009	650	814
<b>30,000 - 59,999</b>	2,241	2,283	2,371
<b>60,000 - 89,999</b>	3,360	3,772	3,799
<b>90,000 - 119,999</b>	4,740	5,191	4,970
<b>120,000 - 199,999</b>	8,140	7,656	7,734
<b>200,000 - 299,999</b>	11,984	12,430	12,169
<b>300,000 - 399,999</b>	17,886	17,744	17,434
<b>400,000 - 499,999</b>	20,340	22,226	22,224
<b>500,000 - 999,999</b>	30,042	33,566	34,692
<b>≥ 1,000,000</b>	72,000	98,373	173,347