

CONTROLLING OFFICER'S REPLY**DEVB(PL)367****(Question Serial No. 5810)**

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Question (Member Question No. 361):

Please provide in table form the numbers of applications involving (1) government leases granted by way of private treaty; (2) licences granted for building small houses on private land; and (3) land granted by way of land exchange for which planning permission to the Town Planning Board under the Town Planning Ordinance is required and planning permission under the Ordinance is not required in the last three years (i.e. 2011, 2012 and 2013) respectively.

Asked by: Hon. CHAN Ka-lok, Kenneth

Reply:

For a small house application that requires planning permission from the Town Planning Board (TPB), the TPB's permission must be obtained before the small house application is to be submitted to the Lands Department for consideration and the owner must submit proof of having obtained the permission at the time of application. A breakdown of the number of successful small house applications involving government land leases granted by way of: (i) private treaty grant, (ii) licences granted for building on private land, and (iii) land granted by way of land exchange for the past three calendar years from 2011 to 2013 is set out below:

	Applications requiring planning permission from the Town Planning Board	Applications not requiring planning permission from the Town Planning Board
Number of applications involving government land leases granted by way of private treaty grant	12	276
Number of applications involving licences granted for building small houses on private land	143	2 660

Number of applications involving land granted by way of land exchange	1	82
Total	156	3 018