

**CONTROLLING OFFICER'S REPLY****DEVB(PL)095****(Question Serial No. 3061)**

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Question:

Please inform this Committee:

In 2013-16, how many New Territories small house applications were involved in the "Agriculture" zone? How many of them were approved? What was the area of land involved?

Asked by: Hon James TO Kun-sun (Member Question No. 66)

Reply:

The Lands Department has no readily available information on the total area of the "Agriculture" zone involved in the approved small house applications. The number of received and approved cases of small house applications involved in the "Agriculture" zone in 2013 to 2016 (up to end of February 2016) is set out below:

Year	Number of small house applications involving land in the "Agriculture" zone received in the year	Number of applications involving land in the "Agriculture" zone approved in the year
2013	117	56
2014	150	47
2015	204	39
2016 (up to end of February 2016)	16	15

Note: In view of the time required for processing the small house applications, the cases approved in a particular year do not necessarily correspond to the applications received in that year.

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