

CONTROLLING OFFICER'S REPLY**DEVB(PL)119****(Question Serial No. 2199)**

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Question:

2 819 and 2 519 small house applications were actually processed in 2014 and 2015 respectively. Of these applications, how many licences were granted to indigenous villagers for building small houses on private land? How many submitted applications are pending processing? Does the Government have any plan to increase manpower to clear the long-standing backlog of applications?

Asked by: Hon LEUNG Che-cheung (Member Question No. 46)

Reply:

The number of small houses granted by way of building licence by the Lands Department (Lands D) in the past two years (2014 and 2015) is set out below:

	2014	2015
Number of small houses granted by way of building licence	839	775

As at end of December 2015, the number of small house applications being processed was 8 800 and the number of applications pending processing was 3 934.

It is Lands D's performance pledge to complete the processing of not less than 2 300 small house applications in a year and we are achieving the target. At present, Lands D has no plans to allocate additional resources to handle small house applications.

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