

**CONTROLLING OFFICER'S REPLY**

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Head: (91) Lands Department

Subhead (No. & title): (-) Not Specified

Programme: (1) Land Administration

Controlling Officer: Director of Lands (Ms Bernadette LINN)

Director of Bureau: Secretary for Development

Question:

Regarding the number of cases processed for small houses under land disposal, will the Department please provide the following figures?

- (1) From 1 January 2013 to 31 December 2015, how many applications were made by applicants in the purported capacity of indigenous residents of the New Territories, i.e. small house applications?
- (2) Of the small house applications made over the above-mentioned three years, how many were approved and rejected; and how many were pending approval as at 31 December 2015?
- (3) How many applications for sale of small houses were there over the above-mentioned three years? Of these applications, how many were approved and rejected; and how many were pending approval as at 31 December 2015?

Asked by: Hon Dennis KWOK (Member Question No. 41)

Reply:

- (1)&(2) The number of small house applications received, approved and rejected by the Lands Department (Lands D) in the past three years (2013 to 2015) is set out below:

|                                     | Number of small house applications received | Number of small house applications approved | Number of small house applications rejected |
|-------------------------------------|---|---|---|
| Three-year period from 2013 to 2015 | 7 635                                       | 3 114                                       | 3 436                                       |

Note: Due to the variations in time required for processing individual small house applications, the applications approved and rejected during the three-year period may not correspond with the applications received during the period.

As at 31 December 2015, Lands D was processing 8 800 small house applications while 3 934 applications received were pending processing.

- (3) The number of applications received, approved and rejected for removal of restriction on alienation by Lands D in the past three years (2013 to 2015) is set out below:

|                                     | Number of applications received | Number of applications approved | Number of applications rejected |
|-------------------------------------|---------------------------------|---------------------------------|---------------------------------|
| Three-year period from 2013 to 2015 | 1 823                           | 1 524                           | 202                             |

Note: Due to the variations in time required for processing individual applications for removal of restriction on alienation, the applications approved and rejected during the three-year period may not correspond with the applications received during the period.

As at 31 December 2015, Lands D was processing 152 applications for removal of restriction on alienation.

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