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Question:

What is the total area of land currently zoned “village environs”, and of which what is the total area of land still available for small house development?

Asked by: Dr Hon Fernando CHEUNG Chiu-hung (Member Question No. 288)

Reply:

Village Environ (“VE”) generally refers to a 300-foot radius surrounding a recognised village where small house applications are considered. At present, the VE boundaries for 555 out of the 642 recognised villages have been drawn up. Action to draw up the VEs of the remaining 87 recognised villages is underway. That said, some of the villages are subject to such problems as topographical constraints, overlapping of village boundaries due to the villages being in close proximity to each other, villagers’ divergent views on the village boundaries, and the villages having been deserted. As such, we are unable to provide information on the total area of VE.

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