

CONTROLLING OFFICER'S REPLY**DEVB(PL)329****(Question Serial No. 4039)**

Head: (91) Lands Department

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Programme: (1) Land Administration

Controlling Officer: Director of Lands (Ms Bernadette LINN)

Director of Bureau: Secretary for Development

Question:

Regarding the resale of small houses, please inform this Committee of:

- 1) the number of cases in which small house building licences were revoked due to a breach of building licence conditions by the licensees last year and, among such cases, the number of those involving the licensees having entered into an agreement with a developer to transfer their small house rights before applying for the licence;
- 2) the number of Certificates of Compliance (CCs) issued, the number of approved cases for removal of alienation restrictions (ARs) and the amount of premium collected last year;

Year	Number of CCs issued	Number of approved cases for removal of ARs	Premium collected (\$ million)

- 3) the average time elapsed between the dates of issuance of CCs and application for removal of ARs last year; and the average time elapsed between the dates of removal of ARs and the sale of the flatted units therein (please provide a breakdown by the nine rural committees in the territory).

Asked by: Hon LEUNG Yiu-chung (Member Question No. 70)

Reply:

- 1) One building licence was revoked in 2015, due to the licensee entering into an agreement with a developer to transfer his small house right. There was one other case in which small house building licence was revoked due to a breach of building licence conditions by the licensee.

- 2) The number of Certificates of Compliance (CCs) issued, the number of approved cases for removal of restriction on alienation and the amount of premium collected in 2015 are set out below:

Year	Number of CCs issued	Number of approved cases for removal of restriction on alienation	Premium collected (\$ million)
2015	904	462	749

Note: The approved cases for removal of restriction on alienation may not necessarily relate to those cases with CCs issued in the year. The total amount of additional premium collected in respect of removal of restriction on alienation corresponds to the approved cases for removal of restriction on alienation in the same year.

- 3) The Lands Department has not categorised the applications for removal of restrictions on alienation according to the time elapsed since the issue of CCs. Nor has the Department traced the timing for subsequent sale of the units.

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