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Question:

How many hectares of land were granted for the indigenous residents to apply for building small houses in each of the past three years? What were the premium and number of flats involved?

Asked by: Hon CHAN Hak-kan (Member Question No. 83)

Reply:

The number of small houses granted by way of private treaty in the past three years (2013 to 2015) is set out below:

	2013	2014	2015
Number of small houses granted by way of private treaty	100	128	146

Small houses granted by way of private treaty are at concessionary premium. The total amount of premium involved in 2015 was about \$25 million. Whilst each small house should have a roof-over area of not exceeding 65.03 square metres, the area of government land granted for individual small houses may be smaller due to site constraints. In this connection, the Lands Department has no readily available information on the total area of land granted for small houses by way of private treaty.

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