

CONTROLLING OFFICER'S REPLY

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Question:

How many applications for building small houses in the New Territories were received in the past five years? How many are being processed and how many have been approved? What was the area of land in "Village Type Development" zones involved? How many applications for building small houses in the New Territories are expected to be received, processed and approved in 2016-17? What is the expected area of land in "Village Type Development" zones involved?

Asked by: Dr Hon KWOK Ka-ki (Member Question No. 63)

Reply:

Over the past five years (from 2011 to 2015), the Lands Department (Lands D) received and approved a total of 12 699 and 5 276 small house applications respectively. As at end of December 2015, the number of small house applications being processed was 8 800. Lands D has no readily available information on the total area of land involved in the area zoned "Village Type Development" for the approved small house applications.

Lands D is not in a position to forecast the number of small house applications to be received in 2016-17. It is Lands D's performance pledge to complete the processing of not less than 2 300 small house applications in a year.

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