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Question:

Please advise on the number of small houses in the territory and the estimated area of land occupied in the past five years.

Asked by: Dr Hon Fernando CHEUNG Chiu-hung (Member Question No. 480)

Reply:

Since the implementation of the small house policy in 1972 up to the end of December 2015, a total of 40 925 small house cases were executed upon approval of applications by the Lands Department (Lands D). 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, while that of private land on which approved small houses are built varies from case to case. In this connection, Lands D has no readily available information on the total area of land involved for small houses.

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