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Question:

Please advise on the number of indigenous households, the number of members of these households and the number of persons with small house rights in Hong Kong in the past five years.

Asked by: Dr Hon Fernando CHEUNG Chiu-hung (Member Question No. 481)

Reply:

The Lands Department has no information on the household population of the New Territories indigenous community. Nor has the Department kept information on the number of indigenous villagers eligible for making small house applications in Hong Kong. This is because the information is fluid and may not serve as a reliable reference when the number of eligible indigenous villagers who are 18 years old or above in a recognised village would change with the birth, growth and passing away of indigenous villagers. In addition, the number of eligible indigenous villagers may not necessarily be a reliable reflection of the demand for building small houses as the intention to apply for and timing of application for building small houses depend on the circumstances of the villagers concerned.

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