

CONTROLLING OFFICER'S REPLY

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Question:

Regarding the village expansion area scheme, please advise this Committee of the following:

- a. During 2017-18, will there be any expenditure involving the village expansion area scheme? If yes, how much?
- b. Over the past ten years, how many hectares of village expansion area were developed by the Government in total? Which recognised villages whose male indigenous inhabitants may apply for small house grants in the village expansion area?
- c. During each of the past ten years, how many hectares of government land were granted to male indigenous inhabitants of recognised villages to build small houses? How many applications were involved?

Asked by: Hon LAU Kwok-fan (Member Question No. 41)

Reply:

- a. There are at present 16 village expansion areas within which sites are still available for small house development. Staff in various District Lands Offices handle small house applications within those village expansion areas as part of their regular duties. We are unable to provide a breakdown of the expenditure solely for handling such applications.
- b. During the past ten years (2007 to 2016), a total area of about two hectares of village expansion area was developed for the eligible indigenous inhabitants of Tin Liu, Ma Wan Main Street, Wo Yi Hop and Tai Po Tau Shui Wai to apply for small house grants.

- c. The number of small houses granted by way of private treaty in the past ten years (2007 to 2016) is set out below:

Year	Number of small houses granted by way of private treaty
2007	107
2008	96
2009	75
2010	172
2011	104
2012	84
2013	100
2014	128
2015	146
2016	78

Whilst each small house should have a roofed-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. The Lands Department has no readily available information on the total area of land involved for the small houses granted by way of private treaty.

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