

CONTROLLING OFFICER'S REPLY**DEVB(PL)132****(Question Serial No. 0861)**

Head: (91) Lands Department

Subhead (No. & title): (-) Not Specified

Programme: (1) Land Administration

Controlling Officer: Director of Lands (Ms Bernadette LINN)

Director of Bureau: Secretary for Development

Question:

- (a) Please provide the number of cases and areas of land granted as at the end of 2016 by way of the following:
- (i) short term tenancies (STTs)
 - (ii) temporary government land allocations (TGLAs)
- (b) Regarding (i) and (ii) above, how many respective cases of STTs or TGLAs will expire one after another in the coming two years and what are the areas involved?
- (c) How many small house applications received by the Government fell under the second category (i.e. (ii) mentioned above) over the past three years (2014, 2015, 2016)? Please provide the figures on applications received as at the end of 2016 by district. How many of these applications were approved, rejected and being processed?

District	Number of applications received	Number of approved cases as at the end of 2016	Number of rejected cases as at the end of 2016	Number of cases being processed as at the end of 2016

Asked by: Hon LAW Kwun-chung, Nathan (Member Question No. 14)

Reply:

- (a) (i) There are currently over 5 000 short term tenancies (STTs) with a total area of approximately 2 470 hectares (ha), including about 1 640 ha let to the Airport Authority Hong Kong for land formation and related works of the Three-Runway System and about 50 ha let to the Scout Association of Hong Kong for a special camping event.

- (ii) There are currently about 4 300 allocations with a total area of about 3 400 ha of land were allocated to government departments on temporary basis to facilitate the implementation of government projects or provision of government services.
- (b) STTs are normally granted for a fixed term of not more than five years and thereafter monthly or quarterly. If, upon expiry of the fixed terms, the sites concerned are not immediately required for permanent or other temporary uses, those STTs let by direct grant can generally continue on a monthly or quarterly basis while those let by tender will generally be re-tendered for another fixed term unless the remaining short duration for which the site will be available does not justify re-tendering. STTs will be terminated at an appropriate time to tie in with the long-term use identified for the site or another temporary use which should be given priority in the light of changing circumstances, or to facilitate re-tendering as appropriate. The Lands Department (Lands D) does not have readily available statistics or estimate of STTs that will expire in the coming two years. Lands D also does not have readily available information on temporary government land allocations that will expire in the coming two years.
- (c) The numbers of small house applications received, approved and rejected by Lands D in the past three years (2014 to 2016) and the numbers of small house applications being processed and pending processing as at end of December 2016 are set out below:

	Number of small house applications received (2014 to 2016)	Number of small house applications approved (2014 to 2016)	Number of small house applications rejected (2014 to 2016)	Number of small house applications being processed (as at end of December 2016)	Number of small house applications pending processing (as at end of December 2016)
Islands	283	140	77	484	275
North	1 483	380	290	2 827	1 216
Sai Kung	358	197	254	720	203
Sha Tin	171	104	255	221	92
Tai Po	766	568	639	612	461
Tsuen Wan & Kwai Tsing	68	41	85	54	207
Tuen Mun	468	170	212	432	105
Yuen Long	2 769	1 361	1 724	3 795	429
Total	6 366	2 961	3 536	9 145	2 988

Note: Due to the variations in time required for processing individual small house applications, the applications approved and rejected during the three-year period may not correspond with the applications received during the period.

There are no small houses granted under temporary government land allocations.

- End -