

**CONTROLLING OFFICER'S REPLY****DEVB(PL)133****(Question Serial No. 0891)**

Head: (91) Lands Department

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Question:

Please provide a breakdown by district of the manpower deployed by the Lands Department to directly or indirectly engage in processing small house applications in the past three years. How many small house applications were received, approved or rejected in each district during this period?

District Council district	2014(Note)				2015(Note)				2016(Note)			
	i	ii	iii	iv	i	ii	iii	iv	i	ii	iii	iv
Sai Kung district												
Kwai Tsing district												
Tsuen Wan district												
Islands district												
Sha Tin district												
Tai Po district												
Tuen Mun district												
Yuen Long district												
North district												

Note: (i) Manpower (direct and indirect); (ii) Number of applications received; (iii) Number of applications approved; (iv) Number of applications rejected

Asked by: Hon LAW Kwun-chung, Nathan (Member Question No. 48)

Reply:

A breakdown of the number of staff involved in New Territories District Lands Offices (DLO) for handling small house (SH) applications, the number of SH applications received, the number of SH applications approved, and the number of SH applications rejected in the past three years is set out below:

DLO	2014 (Note)				2015 (Note)				2016 (Note)			
	i	ii	iii	iv	i	ii	iii	iv	i	ii	iii	iv
Islands	7	81	53	26	8	127	37	39	8	75	50	12
North	10	590	136	84	10	532	98	71	10	361	146	135
Sai Kung	10	119	86	111	10	140	63	95	10	99	48	48
Sha Tin	7	35	53	62	7	81	19	109	7	55	32	84
Tai Po	20	335	231	207	19	270	194	172	19	161	143	260
Tsuen Wan & Kwai Tsing	1	25	6	52	1	23	34	11	1	20	1	22
Tuen Mun	6	179	45	97	6	218	71	53	6	71	54	62
Yuen Long	38	1 158	504	554	38	1 156	473	713	38	455	384	457

Note: (i) Number of Staff Involved; (ii) Number of SH Applications received; (iii) Number of SH Applications approved; (iv) Number of SH Applications rejected.

- (1) In view of the time required for processing the small house applications, the cases approved/rejected in a particular year do not necessarily correspond to the applications received in that year.
- (2) Some of the staff involved in handling small house applications are also responsible for other land administration duties.

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