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Question:

In the past year, of the approved small house applications, how long does it take on average to process an application? Please provide a breakdown by the time taken: within a year, two years, three years, four years, five years, and six years or longer.

Asked by: Hon LAW Kwun-chung, Nathan (Member Question No. 35)

Reply:

For straightforward applications, the processing may be completed within 24 weeks from the date of interview with the applicant. For non-straightforward applications, depending on the nature and complexity of the issues encountered, such as those associated with local objections, land title or boundary problems or requirements imposed by relevant regulatory authorities which will need to be satisfied first, the processing time may exceed that period. As such, Lands Department has not been keeping statistics based on the time taken to process applications.

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