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Question:

Please provide the expenditure on staff in various District Lands Offices dedicated to processing small house applications in the past three years.

Asked by: Hon LAW Kwun-chung, Nathan (Member Question No. 30)

Reply:

The number of staff involved in New Territories District Lands Offices (DLOs) for handling small house applications and the staff expenditure in the past three financial years (2014-15 to 2016-17) are set out below:

	Number of staff (on full-time equivalent basis)	Staff expenditure
2014-15	100	\$39.8 million
2015-16	98	\$41.3 million
2016-17	99	\$43.4 million

Note: Some of the staff involved in handling small house applications are also responsible for other land administration duties.

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