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Question:

What were the total land area and the distribution by district of small houses in the New Territories built in each of the past five years?

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Reply:

The number of small houses completed with Certificates of Compliance issued by the Lands Department (Lands D) in the past five years (2012 to 2016) is set out below:

| District               | 2012 | 2013 | 2014 | 2015 | 2016 |
|------------------------|------|------|------|------|------|
| Islands                | 18   | 19   | 21   | 24   | 21   |
| North                  | 143  | 120  | 135  | 100  | 98   |
| Sai Kung               | 83   | 119  | 81   | 38   | 61   |
| Sha Tin                | 18   | 37   | 30   | 3    | 6    |
| Tai Po                 | 251  | 195  | 177  | 136  | 167  |
| Tsuen Wan & Kwai Tsing | 1    | 34   | 13   | 10   | 0    |
| Tuen Mun               | 57   | 50   | 44   | 59   | 65   |
| Yuen Long              | 518  | 577  | 565  | 534  | 396  |

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, while that of private land on which approved small houses are built varies from case to case. Lands D has no readily available statistics on the total area of land involved for the small houses cited in the above table.

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