

**CONTROLLING OFFICER'S REPLY****DEVB(PL)365****(Question Serial No. 5819)**

Head: (91) Lands Department

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Programme: (1) Land Administration

Controlling Officer: Director of Lands (Ms Bernadette LINN)

Director of Bureau: Secretary for Development

Question:

- 1) In each of the past three years, how many small house applications were approved by the Lands Department (Lands D)? Among the applications approved, how many were for building small houses on land zoned "Village Type Development", agricultural land or other sites respectively?
- 2) In each of the past three years, how many new applications for building small houses did Lands D receive?
- 3) How many applications are pending processing?

Asked by: Hon YIU Chung-yim (Member Question No. 15)

Reply:

- 1) and 2) The number of small house applications received and approved by the Lands Department (Lands D) in the past three years (2014 to 2016) is set out below:

Year	Number of small house applications received	Number of small house applications approved
2014	2 522	1 114
2015	2 547	989
2016	1 297	858

Note: The applications approved in one year may not correspond to the applications received in that year.

Lands D does not have readily statistics on the location (whether within or outside the "Village Type Development" or "Agricultural" zones) in respect of small house applications approved.

- 3) As at end of December 2016, the number of small house applications being processed was 9 145 and the number of applications pending processing was 2 988.

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