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Question:

Early last year, at least 40 closed civil cases in the past involving alleged selling of “ding” rights to build small houses were uncovered by community groups and followed up by media reports. In this regard, the Lands Department has indicated that follow-up actions will be taken seriously while referrals will be made to law enforcement agencies for investigation as and when necessary. The Government has also indicated that it would keep up its efforts to monitor the implementation of the small house policy. However, the latest development has never been accounted for so far. Would the Government please advise on the number of suspected cases referred to law enforcement agencies for follow-up in the past year?

Asked by: Hon CHAN Tanya (LegCo internal reference no.: 81)

Reply:

In 2018, the Lands Department referred 100 suspected cases of selling rights to apply for and build small houses to law enforcement agencies for investigation.

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