

**CONTROLLING OFFICER'S REPLY****DEVB(PL)317****(Question Serial No. 5794)**

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Question:

Please list in table form the numbers of applications for removal of alienation restrictions on New Territories small houses received and rejected by respective District Lands Offices in the past five years, and the reasons for rejection.

Asked by: Hon CHAN Tanya (LegCo internal reference no.: 179)

Reply:

The numbers of applications received and rejected by New Territories District Lands Offices (DLOs) in the past five years (2014 to 2018) for removal of restriction on alienation of small house grants are set out below:

DLO	Number of applications received (2014 to 2018)	Number of applications rejected (2014 to 2018)
Islands	52	2
North	289	73
Sai Kung	241	104
Sha Tin	37	11
Tai Po	481	35
Tsuen Wan & Kwai Tsing	67	27
Tuen Mun	189	12
Yuen Long	1 564	27

Note : Since it takes time to process an application, the applications rejected during the above-mentioned period may not correspond to the applications received during the same period.

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The Lands Department does not have readily available information on reasons for rejection of the applications.

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