

CONTROLLING OFFICER'S REPLY**DEVB(PL)322****(Question Serial No. 4817)**

Head: (91) Lands Department

Subhead (No. & title): (-) Not Specified

Programme: (1) Land Administration

Controlling Officer: Director of Lands (Thomas CHAN)

Director of Bureau: Secretary for Development

Question:

- (a) In the past five years, how many complaints/referrals about suspected cases of selling “ding” rights for building small houses were received? Please list the figures by district.

District Lands Office	2014 (starting from July)	2015	2016	2017	2018	2019 (up to 28 February)

- (b) Number of cases referred to law enforcement departments:

Year	Number of cases referred to law enforcement departments
2014 (starting from July)	
2015	
2016	
2017	
2018	
2019 (up to 28 February)	

Asked by: Hon CHEUNG Chiu-hung, Fernando (LegCo internal reference no.: 1062)

Reply:

The Lands Department (LandsD) started collating statistics on complaints/referrals about suspected cases of selling the rights to apply for and build small houses by indigenous villagers in July 2014. From July 2014 to the end of 2018, LandsD received 1 637 such complaints/referrals. Amongst these cases, 209 cases have been referred to law enforcement agencies for investigation, of which 59 cases were not substantiated based on information available, while the rest of the referred cases are still being investigated by the law enforcement agencies.

- (a) In the past five years (starting from July 2014 to 2018), the number of complaints/referrals received by districts about suspected cases of selling the right to apply for and build small house by indigenous villagers are set out below:

District	2014 (starting from July)	2015	2016	2017	2018
Islands	1	1	7	18	3
North	21	13	103	18	22
Sai Kung	1	0	7	18	86
Sha Tin	0	3	0	0	33
Tai Po	6	22	329	64	156
Tsuen Wan & Kwai Tsing	1	6	0	0	1
Tuen Mun	0	0	42	0	9
Yuen Long	40	71	291	88	156
Total	70	116	779	206	466

- (b) Number of cases referred to law enforcement departments for investigation is set out below:

Year	Number of cases referred to law enforcement departments ^{Note}
2014 (starting from July)	26
2015	50
2016	27
2017	6
2018	100
Total	209

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