

CONTROLLING OFFICER'S REPLY**DEVB(PL)356****(Question Serial No. 6107)**

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:

Regarding small house applications:

1. Please list in table form the total number of small house applications approved by District Lands Offices (DLOs) in each of the past five years.
2. Please list in table form the total number of small house applications rejected by DLOs in each of the past five years.
3. Please list in table form the reasons for rejecting small house applications by DLOs and the number involved in each of the past five years.

	2014	2015	2016	2017	2018
Applicants confirmed to be non-indigenous inhabitants of the New Territories					
DLOs considered that applicants did not build houses for self-occupation					
Technical reasons					
Other reasons (please specify)					

4. Please list in table form the area of land and location currently reserved for "Village Type Development".

(a) By DLO

DLO	Area of land reserved for “Village Type Development”	Location
Yuen Long District		
Tuen Mun District		
Tai Po District		
Sha Tin District		
Sai Kung District		
Tsuen Wan & Kwai Tsing District		
Islands District		

(b) By Rural Committee (RC)

RC	Number of recognised villages	Area of land reserved for “Village Type Development”	Location
Pat Heung RC			
Shap Pat Heung RC			
Ping Shan RC			
Ha Tsuen RC			
San Tin RC			
Kam Tin RC			
Tuen Mun RC			
Tai Po RC			
Sai Kung North RC			
Sheung Shui District RC			
Ta Kwu Ling District RC			
Sha Tau Kok District RC			
Fanling District RC			
Sai Kung RC			
Hang Hau RC			
Sha Tin RC			
Tsuen Wan RC			
Ma Wan RC			
Tai O RC			
South Lantau RC			
Peng Chau RC			
Tung Chung RC			
Lamma Island (North) RC			
Lamma Island (South) RC			
Mui Wo RC			

5. Please list in table form the latest total demand for small houses in the coming ten years.

(a) By DLO

DLO	Latest total demand for small houses in the coming ten years
Yuen Long District	
Tuen Mun District	
Tai Po District	
Sha Tin District	
Sai Kung District	
Tsuen Wan & Kwai Tsing District	
Islands District	

(b) By RC

RC	Number of 1055 recognized villages	Number of villages that have submitted demand for small houses in the coming ten years	Latest total demand for small houses in the coming ten years
Pat Heung RC			
Shap Pat Heung RC			
Ping Shan RC			
Ha Tsuen RC			
San Tin RC			
Kam Tin RC			
Tuen Mun RC			
Tai Po RC			
Sai Kung North RC			
Sheung Shui District RC			
Ta Kwu Ling District RC			
Sha Tau Kok District RC			
Fanling District RC			
Sai Kung RC			
Hang Hau RC			
Sha Tin RC			
Tsuen Wan RC			
Ma Wan RC			
Tai O RC			
South Lantau RC			
Peng Chau RC			
Tung Chung RC			
Lamma Island (North) RC			
Lamma Island (South) RC			
Mui Wo RC			

- (c) The latest total demand for small houses in the coming ten years submitted by recognised villages.

Recognised villages that have submitted demand for small houses in the coming ten years	Latest total demand for small houses in the coming ten years (please specify the year of submission)

Asked by: Hon KWOK Ka-ki (LegCo internal reference no.: 128)

Reply:

- 1.& 2. The numbers of small house applications approved and rejected by New Territories District Lands Offices (DLOs) in the past five years (2014 to 2018) are set out below:

DLO	Number of small house applications approved (2014 to 2018)	Number of small house applications rejected (2014 to 2018)
Islands	207	140
North	615	701
Sai Kung	297	292
Sha Tin	159	395
Tai Po	933	1 049
Tsuen Wan & Kwai Tsing	48	119
Tuen Mun	272	298
Yuen Long	2 078	2 683
Total	4 609	5 677

3. The Lands Department (LandsD) does not have readily available statistics as requested on the reasons for rejection of small house applications.
4. According to the Planning Department, about 3 377 hectares (ha) of land which scatter across the territory fall within areas zoned “Village Type Development” (“V”) on the statutory plans.
5. The demand for small houses may change with factors such as birth and growth of indigenous villagers. Whether or not an indigenous villager would apply for a small house grant is dependent on his own circumstances and wishes, and not all eligible indigenous villagers aged 18 years or above will submit an application. LandsD is not in a position to provide accurate forecast or projections of small house demand or small house applications.

- End -