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Question:

The Residential Properties (First-hand Sales) Ordinance came into effect in 2013 to regulate the sales of uncompleted and completed first-hand residential properties. In each of the past 5 years (2013-2017), how many uncompleted and completed first-hand residential units uploaded to the Sales of First-hand Residential Properties Electronic Platform were originally small houses in the New Territories?

Asked by: Hon TAM Man-ho, Jeremy (Member Question No. (LegCo use): 513)

Reply:

In the Residential Properties (First-hand Sales) Ordinance (Cap.621) (the Ordinance), a development is a "specified New Territories development" if a certificate of exemption has been issued under section 5(a) of the Buildings Ordinance (Application to the New Territories) Ordinance (Cap. 121) in respect of building works for every building in the development.

During the period from the full implementation of the Ordinance on 29 April 2013 up to the end of December 2017, of all the uncompleted and completed first-hand residential properties uploaded to the Sales of First-hand Residential Properties Electronic Platform by vendors, there are a total of 20 "specified New Territories developments" offering about 540 New Territories Exempted House units for sale. The Ordinance does not require vendors to state whether the residential units offered for sale were originally small houses in the New Territories.

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