

CONTROLLING OFFICER'S REPLY**DEVB(PL)146****(Question Serial No. 2414)**

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Controlling Officer: Director of Buildings (CHEUNG Tin-cheung)

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Question:

In respect of processing building plans of domestic buildings by the Buildings Department (BD), please inform this Committee of the following:

- 1) the numbers of flats of less than 20 square metres (m²) among the approved plans in each of the past five years;
- 2) if the figures required in 1) are not available, whether BD will be required to compile such statistics in view of the increasing number of “nano flats” (less than 20m²) in the market in recent years.

Asked by: Hon WU Chi-wai (LegCo internal reference no.: 34)

Reply:

The Buildings Department (BD) does not compile statistics on the number and size of flats after a building plan submission is approved, but has been publishing through BD's Monthly Digest the number and usable floor area (not covering kitchens and lavatories) of flats for which consent to commence works is given. In the past five years, the number of flats with usable floor area less than 20 square metres (m²) for which consent to commence work is given are tabulated below –

Year	Number of flats with usable floor area less than 20 m² for which consent to commence works was given
2014	2 451
2015	2 885
2016	6 315
2017	9 235
2018	3 562

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