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Birdhouses only allowed in shophouses

SWALLOWS are only allowed to be reared in commercial lots or shophouses, said Housing and Local Government Minister Datuk Seri Ong Ka Chuan.

He told Loke Siew Fook (DAP – Rasah) that based on the guidelines issued, such bird-rearing was not allowed in housing estates.

Ong said he would also request all local councils to tighten enforcement on birdhouses, a new booming industry, to check on the licences of the operators.

Earlier, he told Datuk Halimah Mohd Sadique (BN – Tenggara) that the type of swallows reared in the country did not transmit diseases, based on a study conducted by Dr Fadzilah Aini Abdul Kadir from the Department of Veterinary Services.

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