

Examination of Estimates of Expenditure 2005-06
**CONTROLLING OFFICER'S REPLY TO
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Question : It is estimated that the number of flats to be built by way of private treaty grants in 2005 will be over 14 000, representing an increase of more than 5 times over the figure last year. What are the justifications for the Government to come up with this estimate?

Asked by: Hon. CHAN Kam-lam

Reply:

The estimated flat production is mainly based on sites expected to be successfully tendered by the Mass Transit Railway Corporation Limited (estimated at about 10 000 flats) and the Kowloon-Canton Railway Corporation (estimated at about 4 000 flats) during 2005.

Signature _____

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Date _____ 4 April 2005 _____

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