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**CONTROLLING OFFICER'S REPLY TO
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Question : Regarding lease variations, the estimated number of cases for 2005 is almost the same as the number of cases for 2004, but there is a significant increase of 4 374 in the estimated number of flats. Please explain.

Asked by: Hon. CHAN Kam-lam

Reply:

Whilst the number of cases for 2004 (actual) and 2005 (estimate) are quite similar at 123 and 120 respectively, some of the lease modification and land exchange cases under processing and expected to be completed in 2005 involve large-scale developments. An example would be the residential development at the West Rail's Nam Cheong Station, which already accounts for about 4 250 flats out of the total estimate of 12 000.

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