

Examination of Estimates of Expenditure 2005-06
**CONTROLLING OFFICER'S REPLY TO
INITIAL WRITTEN QUESTION**

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Question : The estimated area of land to be granted by way of private treaty in 2005 increases drastically by 10 folds as compared with that in 2004, and the estimated number of flats to be built under private treaty grants in 2005 increases drastically by more than 7 folds as compared with that of 2003; why?

Asked by: Hon. LAU Sau-shing, Patrick

Reply:

The large increase in land area to be granted by private treaty in 2005 is attributable to the potential divestment of the Housing Authority's commercial and car park assets under The Link Real Estate Investment Trust. The potential area of land involved for this exercise alone is about 191.5 hectares. The remaining 17.5 hectares cover potential sites to be granted in relation to the Kowloon-Canton Railway Corporation (about 5.8 hectares), the disposal of some Home Ownership Scheme flats for departmental quarters for the disciplined services (about 5.6 hectares) and other purposes such as schools, utilities, etc. (about 6.1 hectares).

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.

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