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Question : The estimated area of land to be disposed of by private treaty grants in 2005 will be 209 ha, which marks an almost nine-fold increase over the actual 20.91 ha in 2004. What is the reason for such an increase? Can the Government provide us with information on the locations and areas of the sites and the lessees concerned for land disposal by private treaty grants in 2005, and the actual area in 2004?

Asked by: Hon. LEONG Kah-kit, Alan

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).

As announced by the Chief Secretary for Administration in the Motion of Thanks Debate on the 2005 Policy Address in January 2005, the relevant information detailing the execution date, lot number, location, site area, user and premium paid in respect of private treaty grants executed and registered in the Land Registry since 1 January 2005 has been made public through the Lands Department's web-page. This information will be updated on a monthly basis. The broad categories of expected grants for 2005 are given in the preceding paragraph.

The 20.91 hectares of land granted in 2004 comprise the following :-

<u>Location</u>	<u>Area (hectares)</u>	<u>Nature of Grantee</u>
Area 11, Sha Tin	0.65	Education Institution
Big Wave Bay, Shek O	0.84	Adjoining lot owner
Cornwall Street, Kowloon	0.77	Education Institution
Tung Tsz, Tai Po	3.02	Scout Association

Yeung Uk Road, Tsuen Wan	0.72	Urban Renewal
Area 7, Tuen Mun	12.31	Authority
Area 40B, Ma On Shan	1.25	Housing Authority
Kowloon Bay	0.22	Education Institution
Shum Wan Road, Aberdeen	<u>1.13</u>	Education Institution
	20.91	Education Institution

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