

Examination of Estimates of Expenditure 2006-07  
**CONTROLLING OFFICER'S REPLY TO  
INITIAL WRITTEN QUESTION**

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Head: 91 Lands Department

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Question : It is anticipated that in 2006-07, the Lands Department will continue to process land leases for rental estates to facilitate Housing Authority's Divestment of Commercial Properties Initiative. Would the Lands Department advise this Council whether a timetable has been drawn up for the aforesaid work?

Asked by: Hon. CHAN Kam-lam

Reply:

To facilitate the Hong Kong Housing Authority (HA)'s divestment of retail and carparking facilities, the Government has agreed to grant leases to HA for a number of public rental housing estates. According to the tentative programme provided by the Housing Department, a total of 83 leases to cover a number of public rental housing estates are to be completed by mid-2008.

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