

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

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Question : The private treaty grants in 2005 involved 242.12 hectares (ha) of land whereas the 2006-07 estimate for such land grants is only 32 ha. Please advise this Council of: (a) the number of sites involved in 2005 land grants, and a breakdown showing the respective grants ratios of the three regions, i.e. Hong Kong Island, Kowloon and the New Territories; and (b) the basis on which the area of land grants in 2006-07 is anticipated to be 32 ha, and the potential impact of these land grants on the property market.

Asked by: Hon. CHEUNG Hok-ming

Reply:

- (a) In 2005, the very substantial private treaty grant (PTG) land disposal primarily (almost 90%) arose from the grant of existing public housing estates to facilitate the Hong Kong Housing Authority (HA)'s divestment of commercial properties. The PTGs involved a total of 23 sites, of which two were on Hong Kong Island, nine in Kowloon and 12 in the New Territories.
- (b) In 2006, our forecast of around 32 ha to be granted by PTG may be broadly broken down as follows :

Divestment of public housing properties under HA's tentative programme	13 ha
Railway-related property development	10 ha
Other non-housing related users (e.g. school, electricity substation)	<u>9 ha</u>
Total :	<u>32 ha</u>

HA's divestment does not generate any supply of residential units. The railway-related property development is estimated to generate about 13 800 flats.

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