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## CONTROLLING OFFICER'S REPLY TO INITIAL WRITTEN QUESTION

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Head: 91 Lands Department Subhead (No. & title):

<u>Programme</u>: (1) Land Administration

<u>Controlling Officer</u>: Director of Lands

<u>Director of Bureau</u>: Secretary for Housing, Planning and Lands

Question: It is mentioned under Matters Requiring Special Attention in 2006-07 that the Lands Department will continue land sales under the Application List System and co-ordinate the timetables for tendering property development projects with the Urban Renewal Authority and the two railway corporations. Please advise this Council of the details of the work concerned.

Asked by: Hon. LEE Wing-tat

Reply:

The operation of the Application List System of government land sale involves the drawing up of the conditions of sale for lots on the Application List, assessments of bids, notifying applicants of a failed bid and arranging the sale in the case of a successful one. As far as the two railway corporations and Urban Renewal Authority (URA) are concerned, the Director of Lands meets with their representatives regularly to co-ordinate the tender programme for URA and the railway-related property developments and review progress. In deciding on the tender programme, account will be given to their business plans and the prevailing market conditions.

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