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<u>Question</u>: It is mentioned under Matters Requiring Special Attention in 2006-07 that the Lands Department will continue to explore measures to further streamline and expedite the processing of land transactions and premium assessment. What are the details of the said measures?

Asked by: Hon. LEE Wing-tat

Reply:

The Department will continue to work closely with the property development sector represented on the various forums established to explore ways to enhance the processing of land transactions. Such forums include the Pre-Construction Task Force under the Business Facilitation Advisory Committee, the Land and Building Advisory Committee together with its Land Sub-Committee, and various regular and ad-hoc meetings with stakeholders. The Department will work with Planning and Buildings Departments to enhance co-ordination among the three Departments to speed up the development approval process.

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