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Question: Under the indicators of this Programme, the actual land grants by way of private treaty in 2006 was 55.2 hectares (ha), which marks an increase of 23.2 ha as compared to 32 ha of the 2006 estimate. Will the Administration inform this Committee of the reasons why the area of land granted by way of private treaty exceeded the estimate? Please also list out the sites granted by way of private treaty during the past year.

Asked by: Hon. CHAN Wai-yip, Albert

Reply:

The substantial increase in the area of land granted by way of private treaty in 2006 as compared with the original estimate was mainly due to the completion of the land grant of about 32 ha for the Pat Heung Maintenance Centre as part of the West Rail project, which was not envisaged in the original estimate. The list of the sites granted by way of private treaty in 2006 is as follows:

Sites for railway maintenance depot at Pat Heung and various public utilities 33.29 ha

Long Ping Estate (land granted under Tenants Purchase Scheme) 12.16 ha

Sites at Tai Wai for railway-related property development by the
Kowloon-Canton Railway Corporation 9.75 ha

Total: 55.20 ha

Signature _____

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