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Question: Regarding the indicator of "private treaty grants", the land estimated to be granted in 2007 is 377 hectares (ha), which is about seven times more than the actual figure of 55.2 ha of land granted in 2006. What are the reasons for such a significant increase in the area of land granted? Please list out in a table the land lots and their respective areas to be granted by way of private treaty in 2007.

Asked by: Hon. CHAN Wai-yip, Albert

Reply:

The substantial increase in the estimate of the area of land to be granted in 2007 by way of private treaty is primarily due to the grant of land occupied by existing public housing estates to facilitate the Hong Kong Housing Authority (HA)'s divestment of commercial properties. The breakdown of the proposed land grants in 2007 is as follows:

Type	Area (Ha)
1. Divestment of HA's commercial properties	358.0
2. Sites granted to the Kowloon-Canton Railway Corporation and the Mass Transit Railway Corporation Limited for railway-related property development	10.5
3. Land grants to HA for existing Home Ownership Scheme	2.5
4. Others (e.g. electricity substation, school, etc.)	6.0
Total:	377.0

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