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Question: In Programme (1) Land Administration, where land disposal is concerned, in 2007, the estimated area of land granted by way of private treaty and the number of flats are 377 hectares (ha) and 13 440 flats respectively, which are much higher than the figures in 2006 (55.2 ha and 8 948 flats). Please provide the statistics of those land grants by categories of their respective land uses. Does the number of flats comprise all residential buildings or does it include some commercial buildings?

Asked by: Hon. CHEUNG Hok-ming

Reply:

The broad categories of land grant made in 2006 and the respective estimated number of residential flats involved are as follows:-

Category	Area (ha)	Flat No.
1. Sites for railway maintenance depot at Pat Heung and various public utilities	33.29	0
2. Long Ping Estate (land granted under Tenants Purchase Scheme)	12.16	0*
3. Sites at Tai Wai for railway-related property development by the Kowloon-Canton Railway Corporation (KCRC)	9.75	4 676
4. Grant of development right pertaining to the site at Area 86, Tseung Kwan O to the Mass Transit Railway Corporation Limited (MTRC) (no additional site area involved)	0.00	4 272
Total:	55.20	8 948

\* Note: Existing public rental housing estate.

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:

Category	Area (ha)	Flat No.
1. Divestment of HA's commercial properties	358.0	0 <sup>#</sup>
2. Sites granted to KCRC and MTRC for railway-related property development	10.5	11 810
3. Land grants to HA for existing Home Ownership Scheme	2.5	1 630
4. Others (e.g. electricity substation, school, etc.)	6.0	0
Total:	377.0	13 440

# Note: The Housing Authority's divestment exercise will not generate any supply of residential flats.

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