

**CONTROLLING OFFICER'S REPLY TO  
INITIAL WRITTEN QUESTION**

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Head: 91 Lands Department

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Question: Regarding the item of lease variations in Programme (1) Land Administration, the actual number of cases was 101 in 2006 and the number of flats was only 1 116, whereas in 2007, the estimated number of cases is 100, but with the number of flats estimated to be 6 000. Please advise of the land lots, areas, estimated numbers of flats and the premiums involved in the relevant lease variations. Will they involve any major modification of the terms in the land leases? Whether the number of flats comprises all residential buildings or whether it includes some commercial buildings?

Asked by: Hon. CHEUNG Hok-ming

Reply:

The 101 lease variation cases completed in 2006 comprise the following :

- (a) 21 cases of minor technical lease modifications that neither affected flat production nor granting of any additional land. The total amount of land premium involved was \$2.3 million;
- (b) 35 other cases involving a total additional area of 1.14 hectares (ha) and a total of 1 116 flats. The total amount of land premium involved was \$2,212.5 million; and
- (c) 45 cases which were non-commercial or non-residential in nature, accounting for 5.03 ha in area and a total premium of \$2,324.2 million.

The 6 000 flats in 2007 is an estimated figure based on current cases that may be completed in the year. This number bears no direct relation to the number of completed cases in 2006.

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