

Examination of Estimates of Expenditure 2007-08

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

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Question: The area of land estimated to be granted by way of private treaty in 2007 will increase significantly by nearly seven times as compared to the actual land granted in 2006. Why?

Asked by: Hon. LAU Wong-fat

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's divestment of commercial properties. A total of 41 sites involving about 358 hectares would be granted in 2007 for this purpose.

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