

Examination of Estimates of Expenditure 2007-08

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Question: Regarding the indicator of "private treaty grants", it is estimated that 377 hectares (ha) of land will be granted in 2007, much more than the actual area of 55.2 ha granted in 2006. Why?

Asked by: Hon. SHEK Lai-him, Abraham

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 ha would be granted in 2007 for this purpose.

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