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Question:

In 2013, 2014 and 2015, 3.85, 6.81 and 16.86 hectares of land were respectively granted by way of private treaty. Of these, how many were used for building private residential flats, public housing and small houses in the New Territories, and how many units were involved respectively?

Asked by: Hon CHAN Hak-kan (Member Question No. 1)

Reply:

In 2013, 2014 and 2015, 3.85, 6.81 and 16.86 hectares (ha) of land were respectively granted by way of private treaty. These figures cover land granted by private treaty for housing developments other than small houses, and non-housing developments, such as electricity sub-station, gas pigging station, church-cum-residential care home for the elderly, student hostel, vocational training centre, international school, post-secondary school.

The area of government land granted by way of private treaty for private housing development and public housing development and the number of flats that could be produced as estimated at the time of grant from 2013 to 2015 are set out in the table below. The estimates in respect of flat number are subject to the actual design of the developments.

Year	Private housing		Public housing	
	Total land area (ha) (about)	Estimated number of flats	Total land area (ha) (about)	Estimated number of flats
2013	1.83	1 552	0.19	85
2014	0.20	1 854	4.08	3 290
2015	11.06	13 771	3.56	3 514

Note: Apart from the private treaty grants for public housing indicated above, sites for public rental housing estates are vested in the Hong Kong Housing Authority by way of Vesting Order according to the Housing Ordinance. The private treaty grants for public housing are those to Hong Kong Housing Authority for Home Ownership

Scheme and those to Hong Kong Housing Society for public rental housing estate and subsidized sale flats.

As part of the multi-pronged approach, the Government announced in the 2014 Policy Address that it had identified some 150 potential housing sites, most of which could be made available in the five years of 2014-15 to 2018-19, for housing development. Subject to the completion of the statutory plan amendment and other processes required, these sites would be capable of providing over 210 000 flats (over 70% are for public housing). As at end-February 2016, 52 out of the some 150 sites had completed the statutory plan amendment processes and are estimated to provide a total of about 65 200 housing units (about 50% are for public housing). The statutory plan amendment processes for another 14 sites have commenced, and would upon completion provide an estimated total of about 15 400 housing units. In addition, as part of the land supply initiatives under the multi-pronged approach announced in the 2013 Policy Address, another 42 sites had been identified for residential use in the short to medium term, which were estimated to provide a total of about 39 200 flats (about 23 500 are public housing). As at end-February 2016, the statutory plan amendment processes for 38 of these sites, where required, had been completed, and are estimated to provide about 38 600 housing units (about 23 500 are public housing). The statutory plan amendment processes for the remaining 4 sites have commenced, and would upon completion provide an estimated total of about 600 housing units. Information on these potential housing sites is set out in documents published for various occasions.

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