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Question:

According to the Indicators under this Programme, the actual area of land granted by way of private treaty in 2016 was 79.53 hectares, nearly five times that of 16.86 hectares in 2015. Nevertheless, the number of flats involved in the land granted by way of private treaty was 4 669, only one third of that of 2015. Will the Government inform this Committee of the locations of land granted by way of private treaty in 2016 and the number of flats involved in each grant, and the reasons why more area of land was granted in 2016 but the number of flats was far less than that of 2015?

Asked by: Hon CHAN Chi-chuen (Member Question No. 69)

Reply:

Amongst the total area of about 79.53 hectares (ha) of land granted by private treaty in 2016, about 77.8 ha were for non-housing developments, such as railway and related facilities, public utilities and facilities related to horse racing. For the remaining area of about 1.73 ha, they were granted by private treaty for housing development, as opposed to that of about 14.6 ha in 2015.

The housing sites granted by private treaty in 2016 are located in varying parts of the territory, such as Kowloon, Tseung Kwan O, Tuen Mun, and Lantau Island. Information on the estimated 4 669 flats for the land granted by private treaty for housing development in 2016 is as follows:

Type of Grants for Housing Development	Estimated Number of Flats (About)*
Land grants to Mass Transit Railway Corporation Limited for railway-related property development	2 950
Land grants to the Hong Kong Housing Authority for Home Ownership Scheme development	699
Land grants to the Hong Kong Housing Society for subsidized sale flats	620
Land grants to the Urban Renewal Authority for urban renewal projects	400

Total : 4 669

\* Note: Actual flat number is subject to change.

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