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The Legislative Council
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Dear Ms Yu,

Enquiry on the provision of land for housing

During the discussion of the rent allowance for the elderly scheme at the Housing Panel on 7 May 2001, the Administration has reassured Members that we would continue to ensure a balanced supply of both public and private flats. To achieve that, the Government would make available sufficient land to meet demand for both public and private sector housing arising from the long-term population growth.

Members are now interested to obtain further information on the sites allocated for both public and private housing over the next five years. For Members' reference, about 357 hectares of land would be available for private housing development for the period 2001-02 to 2005-06, out of which 28% are located in Hong Kong and Kowloon. The actual amount of land that will finally be taken up and developed will be subject to market demand and developers' commercial considerations.

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For public housing development, about 110 hectares of new land have been earmarked over the same five-year period, out of which 48% are located in Hong Kong and Kowloon. The redevelopment sites under the purview of the Housing Authority and the Housing Society are excluded from the figure.

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for Secretary for Housing