

## Press Release

### Land Registry releases statistics for April

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The Land Registry today (May 4) released its statistics for April 2016.

#### Land registration

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- \* The number of sale and purchase agreements for all building units received for registration in April was 5,613 (+78.0 per cent compared with March but -9.8 per cent compared with April 2015)
- \* The 12-month moving average for April was 5,152 (1.0 per cent below the 12-month moving average for March and 31.5 per cent below that for April 2015)
- \* The total consideration for sale and purchase agreements in April was \$42.3 billion (+95.3 per cent compared with March but -5.2 per cent compared with April 2015)
- \* Among the sale and purchase agreements, 4,494 were for residential units (+89.7 per cent compared with March but -1.2 per cent compared with April 2015)
- \* The total consideration for sale and purchase agreements in respect of residential units was \$34.5 billion (+101.6 per cent compared with March but -1.2 per cent compared with April 2015)

Statistics on sales of residential units do not include sale and purchase agreements relating to sales of units under the Home Ownership Scheme, the Private Sector Participation Scheme and the Tenants Purchase Scheme unless the premium of the unit concerned has been paid after the sale restriction period.

Figures on sale and purchase agreements received for the past 12 months, the year-on-year rate of change and breakdown figures on residential sales have also been released.

As deeds may not be lodged with the Land Registry until up to 30 days after the transaction, these statistics generally relate to land transactions in the previous month.

#### Land search

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- \* The number of searches of land registers made by the public in April was 378,150 (+2.8 per cent compared with March but -6.8 per cent compared with April 2015)

The statistics cover searches made at the counter, through the self-service terminals and via the Integrated Registration Information System Online Services.

**THE LAND REGISTRY**  
Consolidated Monthly Statistics in respect of deeds received  
for registration in the Land Registry

**Table 1**

Month : April 2016

Item	Nature of Deeds	Number of Deeds received for registration			Consideration (nearest \$ million)		
		Urban	New Territories	Total	Urban	New Territories	Total
1.	Agreements for Sale and Purchase of Building Units	2,246 ( 2,431 )	3,367 ( 3,570 )	5,613 ( 6,001 )	22,532	19,753	42,285
2.	Agreements for Sale and Purchase of Land	4	204	208	2,102	887	2,989
	Sub-total (1) + (2)	2,250	3,571	5,821	24,634	20,640	45,274
3.	Assignments of Building Units	2,077 ( 2,320 )	2,457 ( 2,823 )	4,534 ( 5,143 )	15,787	11,127	26,914
4.	Assignments of Land	7	362	369	8,546	856	9,402
	Sub-total (3) + (4)	2,084	2,819	4,903	24,333	11,983	36,316
5.	Building Mortgages/Building Legal Charges	6	4	10			
6.	Other Mortgages/Legal Charges	2,211	2,854	5,065			
	Sub-total (5) + (6)	2,217	2,858	5,075			
7.	Receipts/Discharges/Releases	2,637	3,139	5,776			
8.	Leases/Tenancy Agreements	233	134	367			
9.	Exclusion Orders	0	0	0			
10.	Others	4,341	3,751	8,092			
	Total	13,762	16,272	30,034			

Note : Figures in brackets denote the number of units involved.

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**Comparison of Monthly Statistics**

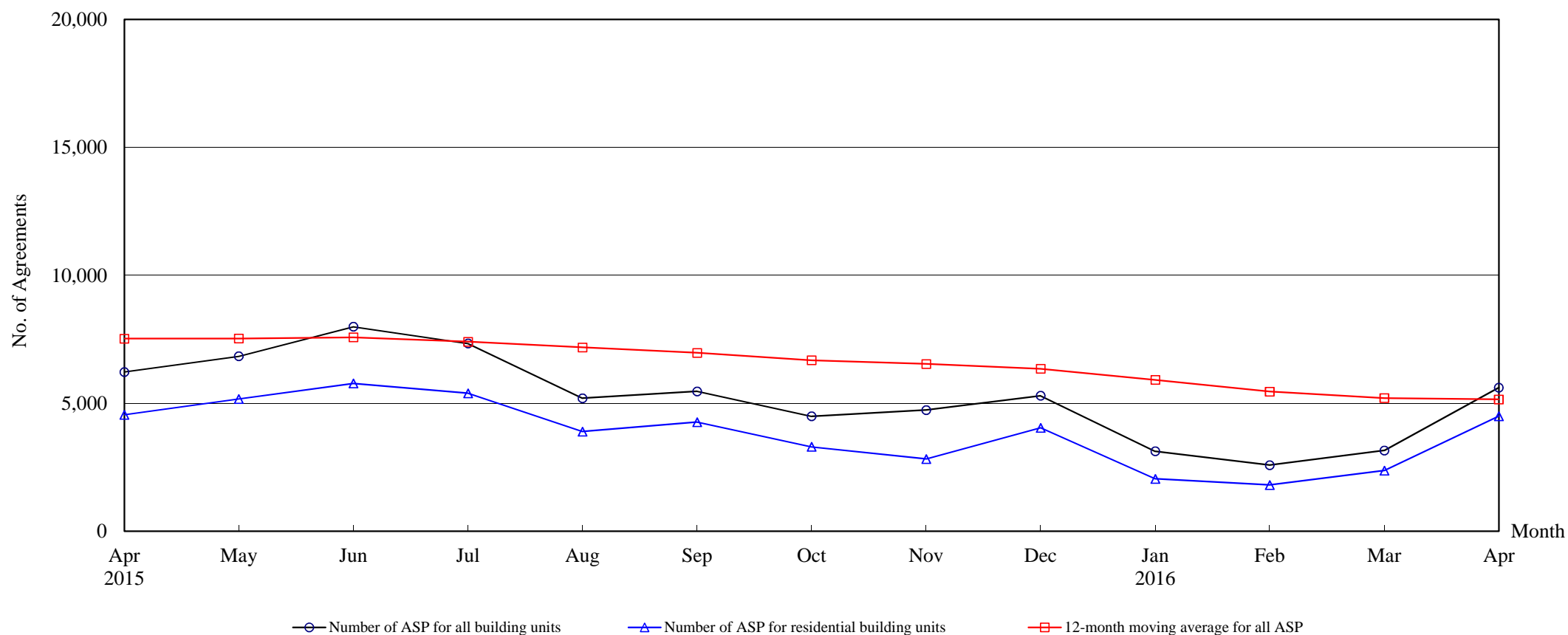
**Table 2**

Month : April 2016

Item	2016 April	2016 March	2015 April	April 2016			
				Increase (+) or Decrease (-) as compared with			
				March 2016		April 2015	
	No. or Consideration	Percentage	No. or Consideration	Percentage			
1. Agreements for Sale and Purchase of Building Units							
(a) No.	5,613	3,154	6,223	+ 2,459	+ 78.0	- 610	- 9.8
(b) Consideration	42,285	21,653	44,587	+ 20,632	+ 95.3	- 2,302	- 5.2
2. Agreements for Sale and Purchase of Land							
(a) No.	208	153	235	+ 55	+ 35.9	- 27	- 11.5
(b) Consideration	2,989	10,052	1,466	- 7,063	- 70.3	+ 1,523	+ 103.9
Sub-total of (1) + (2)							
(a) No.	5,821	3,307	6,458	+ 2,514	+ 76.0	- 637	- 9.9
(b) Consideration	45,274	31,705	46,053	+ 13,569	+ 42.8	- 779	- 1.7
3. Assignments of Building Units							
(a) No.	4,534	6,181	9,418	- 1,647	- 26.6	- 4,884	- 51.9
(b) Consideration	26,914	40,596	51,536	- 13,682	- 33.7	- 24,622	- 47.8
4. Assignments of Land							
(a) No.	369	438	572	- 69	- 15.8	- 203	- 35.5
(b) Consideration	9,402	5,125	3,386	+ 4,277	+ 83.5	+ 6,016	+ 177.7
Sub-total of (3) + (4)							
(a) No.	4,903	6,619	9,990	- 1,716	- 25.9	- 5,087	- 50.9
(b) Consideration	36,316	45,721	54,922	- 9,405	- 20.6	- 18,606	- 33.9
5. No. of Building Mortgages/Building Legal Charges	10	3	1	+ 7	+ 233.3	+ 9	+ 900.0
6. No. of Other Mortgages/Legal Charges	5,065	6,216	8,933	- 1,151	- 18.5	- 3,868	- 43.3
Sub-total of (5) + (6)	5,075	6,219	8,934	- 1,144	- 18.4	- 3,859	- 43.2
7. No. of Receipts/Discharges/Releases	5,776	6,033	8,867	- 257	- 4.3	- 3,091	- 34.9
8. No. of Public Search	378,150	367,811	405,852	+ 10,339	+ 2.8	- 27,702	- 6.8

Note : Consideration rounded to the nearest million Hong Kong dollars.

**The Land Registry**  
**Chart showing the number of Sale and Purchase Agreements of**  
**building units from April 2015 to April 2016**



### Number of Sale and Purchase Agreements of building units

Year	2015										2016			
Month	Apr	May	Jun	Jul	Aug	Sep	Oct	Nov	Dec	Jan	Feb	Mar	Apr	
Number of ASP for all building units	6,223	6,839	7,993	7,338	5,197	5,467	4,491	4,736	5,294	3,123	2,583	3,154	5,613	
Number of ASP for residential building units <sup>(1)</sup>	4,549	5,168	5,776	5,393	3,896	4,263	3,300	2,826	4,043	2,045	1,807	2,369	4,494	
12-month moving average for all ASP <sup>(2)</sup>	7,524	7,529	7,578	7,406	7,181	6,970	6,680	6,537	6,347	5,914	5,458	5,203	5,152	

Note : (1) Statistics on sales of residential units do not include sales of units under the Home Ownership Scheme, the Private Sector Participation Scheme and the Tenants Purchase Scheme unless the premium of the unit concerned has been paid after the sale restriction period.

(2) 12-month moving average is calculated by dividing the sum of the figures of the previous 12 months by 12.



**Table 5****THE LAND REGISTRY****Number of Sale and Purchase Agreements of residential building units and total consideration  
from April 2015 to April 2016**

Year / Month		Range of Consideration ( \$ million )												Total		
		Less than 1		1 to less than 2		2 to less than 3		3 to less than 5		5 to less than 10		10 or over				
		No.	%	No.	%	No.	%	No.	%	No.	%	No.	%	No.	Consideration (\$ million)	
2015	4	24	1	154	3	337	7	1,243	27	2,140	47	651	14	4,549	34,899	
	5	24	0	125	2	334	6	1,529	30	2,432	47	724	14	5,168	40,200	
	6	33	1	166	3	461	8	1,852	32	2,517	44	747	13	5,776	43,242	
	7	38	1	149	3	365	7	1,781	33	2,131	40	929	17	5,393	44,551	
	8	27	1	113	3	288	7	1,276	33	1,677	43	515	13	3,896	31,065	
	9	34	1	113	3	244	6	1,672	39	1,629	38	571	13	4,263	33,520	
	10	22	1	97	3	259	8	1,184	36	1,348	41	390	12	3,300	22,521	
	11	30	1	96	3	221	8	1,168	41	847	30	464	16	2,826	20,797	
	12	28	1	118	3	269	7	1,196	30	1,939	48	493	12	4,043	29,822	
	2016	1	22	1	95	5	212	10	830	41	641	31	245	12	2,045	15,800
		2	18	1	80	4	241	13	774	43	505	28	189	10	1,807	11,769
		3	29	1	93	4	255	11	1,031	44	681	29	280	12	2,369	17,106
4		27	1	127	3	380	8	1,914	43	1,371	31	675	15	4,494	34,494	

Note : Figures in percentage for individual items may not add up to 100% due to rounding.

## THE LAND REGISTRY

Monthly Statistics in respect of Sale & Purchase Agreements  
of building units received for registration on regional basis

Month: April 2016

Item	District	Sale and Purchase Agreements of Building Units	
		No. of Transactions	(nearest \$million)
1.	Hong Kong	810	9,245
2.	Kowloon	1,436	13,287
3.	Islands	118	793
4.	North	158	652
5.	Sai Kung	566	3,951
6.	Shatin	608	3,958
7.	Tai Po	218	2,090
8.	Tsuen Wan	500	2,864
9.	Tuen Mun	362	1,665
10.	Yuen Long	837	3,780
	<b>Total</b>	5,613	42,285