

PARLIAMENT WRITTEN QUESTION
Tuesday 4th April 2023

64/2023 Hon. Premila Kumar to ask the Deputy Prime Minister and Minister for Finance and Strategic Planning, National Development and Statistics – During the National budget, multiple tax benefits were announced to encourage the private sector investments for housing to increase both house stocks and rental homes in the market, can the Deputy Prime Minister update the Parliament on the following information -

The type of tax incentives and the number of investors who took advantage of the incentives in the last 5-years.

1. The residential housing development package was introduced in 2016 which provided investors with developer profit exemptions from income tax and customs benefits and rebates.
2. In the last 5-years, 3 companies have been granted provisional approval under this package.

What was the total cost of incentives given by the government and the number of new house stocks and rental homes added to the market.

3. So far, all the recipients are on provisional approval (establishment phase) and the government has not incurred any costs as far as the tax benefits are concerned. Additionally, none of them have carried out any importations under the customs exemptions available so

there are no costs to government under the customs benefits as well.

4. As mentioned above, all the projects are in the establishment phase. Once complete, around 150 housing units are expected to be created. These units will range between 1-bedroom, 2-bedrooms and 3-bedroom apartments.