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THE Housing and Local Government Ministry (KPKT) aims to open the request for proposal (RFP) tender for the 72 plots of land under the federal government by January 2020, its minister Zuraida Kamaruddin said.

She said the landbank was obtained from the consolidation of the 1Malaysia People's Housing Programme (PRIMA), Malaysia Civil Servants Housing Programme (PPAM) and Syarikat Perumahan Nasional Bhd (SPNB) under KPKT.

"We have put together a pool of land under KPKT that would total up to almost 72 plots of land, which are to be launched for the RFP tender soon. We expect to have an average of 1,000 houses per plot.

"We are currently preparing the tender paper, we hope to do it at least by January 2020," she told reporters at the pre-launch ceremony for affordable housing projects by the private sector in Putrajaya last week.

Among the potential development that is going to be opened



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for tender for private developers include the Felda New Generation Project.

Zuraida said the developers' track record — particularly those involved in the affordable housing projects by the private sector —

would be a consideration during the tender process.

The affordable housing projects by the private sector are in line with the pledge in Pakatan Harapan's manifesto of building one million affordable homes within 10 years.

The target set for the private developers is to build 217,765 units within the period, with an average of 21,776 units per year.

From the ceremony, 11 developers have launched 16,873 units of affordable homes, while Menteri

Besar Inc Selangor is committed to build 30,000 units.

The developers include Pembinaan Kery Sdn Bhd, Astana Setia & Euro Saga Sdn Bhd, Besteel Engtech Sdn Bhd, Ekovest Bhd and OCR Group Bhd among others.

The price of the houses are capped at below RM300,000 with a minimum size of 900 sq ft.

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The ministry targets to introduce the second batch of developers for affordable housing projects by the private sector in January.

She added that within the first year of Pakatan Harapan's administration, 386,340 units of affordable homes have been planned, 181,211 units under construction and 39,864 units have been completed.

Zuraida also urged the developers to appoint reliable property managers for the projects.

"After the projects have been completed, I hope the private developers will take the initiative to form a credible community under the Joint Management Body or Management Corp for the housings, so they will be able to upkeep the standard of the properties.

"We don't want to face the problems where the houses turn into slumps," she said.



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