

Examination of Estimates of Expenditure 2009-10
**CONTROLLING OFFICER'S REPLY TO
INITIAL WRITTEN QUESTION**

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Question :

The Government has reviewed the practices regarding the provision of green features and exemption from gross floor area (GFA) calculation for buildings. After the implementation of these new measures, how many applications for private residential projects have been processed by the Buildings Department? For the applications for exemption from GFA calculation for the new projects, what are the changes regarding the usable floor area and green features provided?

Asked by : Hon. LEE Wing-tat

Reply :

The review mentioned in the question has yet to be completed. As we have updated to the LegCo Panel on Development, public views on the policy options to foster a quality and sustainable built environment will be gauged through a public engagement exercise to be launched by the Council for Sustainable Development in 2009. Stakeholders will be invited to express their views on, inter alia, the practices on the provision of gross floor area (GFA) concession. The Government will carefully consider the findings and recommendations of the public engagement exercise before deciding on the way forward.

Apart from the longer term measures which will be the subject of public engagement, the Buildings Department has been reviewing and fine-tuning its practices on GFA concessions on a regular basis in consultation with the industry.

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