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Question:

Having finalised a set of draft building design guidelines that support sustainable urban living space in 2008, will the Government inform us when the public consultation will be held with the relevant sectors, such as the real estate industry? How long will the consultation period be?

Asked by: Hon. SHEK Lai-him, Abraham

Reply:

Public views on the proposals to foster a quality and sustainable built environment will be gauged through a four-month public engagement exercise to be launched by the Council for Sustainable Development in mid-2009. The aim of the engagement is to generate thorough and in-depth discussion amongst various sectors in the community. Stakeholders will be invited to join the discussion and express their views on the proposals via different avenues during the public engagement process. The Government will carefully consider the findings and recommendations of the public engagement exercise before deciding on the way forward.

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