## Examination of Estimates of Expenditure 2009-10

## CONTROLLING OFFICER'S REPLY TO SUPPLEMENTARY QUESTION

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<u>Head</u>: 82 Buildings Department <u>Subhead</u> (No. & title):

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Programme: Buildings and Building Works

**Controlling Officer**: Director of Buildings

<u>Director of Bureau</u>: Secretary for Development

## Question:

According to the reply for question serial no. 0963, the performance-based regulatory system is now being developed by the Buildings Department. In this connection, will the Government inform the Committee when will the system be completed? And when will the Government conduct consultations with the relevant sectors?

Asked by: Hon. SHEK Lai-him, Abraham

## Reply:

The development of the performance-based regulatory system is an on-going process. Most of the consultancy studies commissioned by the Buildings Department on various aspects of planning, safety and construction requirements have been completed. We have been seeking the views of the building professionals and industry through the established consultation mechanism during the various studies and the formulation of legislative amendments to the relevant building regulations to introduce the proposed performance-based requirements. The relevant legislative amendments will be introduced in phases starting late 2009.

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