

**CONTROLLING OFFICER'S REPLY TO
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Question :

From the launch of the Building Records Access and Viewing On-line (BRAVO) system on 7 September 2009 to 28 February 2010, how many public users have registered? How many electronic files have been viewed? Are there any publicity measures to increase the utilisation rate of the BRAVO system?

Asked by : Hon. CHEUNG Hok-ming

Reply :

From the launch of the Building Records Access and Viewing On-line (BRAVO) system on 7 September 2009 up till 28 February 2010, 1 831 users had registered for the system. During the same period, the number of applications for viewing building records via the BRAVO system was 9 936. The number of electronic files viewed cannot be traced because each application may involve the viewing of multiple documents.

The Buildings Department (BD) will continue to encourage the industry and the public to use the BRAVO system. Publicity on the system since its launch includes:

- (a) issue of a revised "Practice Notes for Authorized Persons, Registered Structural Engineers and Registered Geotechnical Engineers" to notify building professionals of the launch of the BRAVO system;
- (b) inclusion of a hyperlink to the BRAVO system on the BD's website;

- (c) publicity of an article in the Government e-Bulletin announcing the launch of the BRAVO system, which has been reported by some local newspapers;
- (d) issue of a new booklet, 'Building Information Services', in January 2010 to provide information about the BRAVO system. The booklet can be obtained from the Building Information Centre of the BD or downloaded from the Department's website;
- (e) inclusion of a booth in the Building Safety Carnival held in Victoria Park on 17 January 2010 to promote the use of the system; and
- (f) organisation of briefings on the operation of the BRAVO system during visits to the BD by interested organisations.

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