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Question :

The Buildings Department will finalise a set of building design guidelines for compliance with current building standards in the conservation and adaptive re-use of historic buildings for consultation with stakeholders prior to implementation. What is the schedule of the work concerned (including consultation work) and the estimated expenditure involved?

Asked by : Hon. CHAN Tanya

Reply :

The Buildings Department (BD) has commissioned a consultancy study for the production of building design guidelines on compliance with building safety and health requirements for adaptive re-use of, and alteration and addition works to heritage buildings under the Buildings Ordinance (Cap. 123). The consultancy study has commenced since January 2009. Upon completion of the research work, the consultant has produced a set of draft building design guidelines and convened a consultation forum in January 2010 to obtain feedback from building professionals on the draft guidelines. The study is now at its final stage. Based on the findings of the study, the BD will promulgate a "Practice Guidebook on Compliance with Building Safety and Health Requirements for Adaptive Re-use of and Alteration and Addition Works to Heritage Buildings under the Buildings Ordinance". The expenditure for the consultancy study in 2009-10 and 2010-11 was about \$0.9M and \$0.2M respectively. The estimated expenditure for the consultancy in 2011-12 is \$60,000. The cost arising from the study is absorbed from within BD's envelope allocation.

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