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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 2011, 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 to 28 February 2011, 3 927 users had registered for the system. During the same period, the number of applications for viewing building records via the BRAVO system was 55 320. 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 Note for Authorised Persons, Registered Structural Engineers and Registered Geotechnical Engineers" and a new "Practice Note for Registered Contractors" to advise building professionals and contractors of the availability of the BRAVO system for instant viewing and ordering of copy of existing building records, including minor works records in electronic form on the Internet;
- (b) inclusion of a hyperlink to the BRAVO system on the BD's website;

- (c) 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 BD's website;
- (d) inclusion of advice on use of the BRAVO system in the general guidelines and technical guidelines for the minor works control system. These guidelines are distributed to building owners, contractors and building professionals. They can also be downloaded from the BD's website;
- (e) organisation of briefings for interested organisations on the operation of the BRAVO system during their visits to the BD; and
- (f) organisation of presentations and display of booths to promote the use of the BRAVO system to building professionals and members of the public.

Signature _____

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