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Question:

In 2012-13, the Buildings Department will “continue the consultancy study to develop a set of design and construction guidelines for improving energy efficiency in residential buildings”. What are the details of the study, including the amount of expenditure involved? Which consulting firm has been commissioned to conduct the study? When will the study be completed? Is there any plan for releasing the study report and conducting public consultation? If so, what are the details? If not, what are the reasons?

Asked by: Hon. LAM Tai-fai

Reply:

The Buildings Department (BD) has, through the established tendering and selection procedures, selected and commissioned Ronald Lu and Partners (Hong Kong) Limited to conduct a consultancy study to develop a set of design and construction guidelines for improving energy efficiency in residential buildings. The contract sum for the consultancy study is \$1,360,500.

The consultant has completed the review of the local legislation and the research on the requirements and practices of selected overseas countries, and conducted quantitative assessments to identify practical measures in improving energy efficiency in residential buildings applicable to the local environment. Stakeholder consultation forums on the measures identified were held in July and August 2011. Taking into account the initial feedback from the stakeholders, the consultant is refining the proposed measures and formulating a set of recommended design and construction guidelines for improving energy efficiency in residential buildings. We plan to conduct consultation with the stakeholders on the draft guidelines in the second quarter of 2012. The guidelines, which will take into account the findings of the consultancy study and stakeholders' views, will be released for public information when finalised.

Signature _____

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