

**CONTROLLING OFFICER'S REPLY TO
INITIAL WRITTEN QUESTION**

Head: 82 Buildings Department

Subhead (No. & title):

Programme: Buildings and Building Works

Controlling Officer: Director of Buildings

Director of Bureau: Secretary for Development

Question:

In matters requiring special attention in 2012-13, the authority says it will continue the consultancy study to develop a set of design and construction guidelines for improving energy efficiency in residential buildings. Given that the Director of Buildings anticipated in the 2011-12 Estimates that the consultancy study would be completed in early 2012, what is the progress of the consultancy study? When will the report of the consultancy study be released?

Asked by: Hon. SHEK Lai-him, Abraham

Reply:

The Buildings Department has commissioned a consultancy study to develop a set of design and construction guidelines for improving energy efficiency in residential buildings. 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 the practical measures for 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. We plan to consult the stakeholders on the draft guidelines in the second quarter of 2012.

Signature _____

Name in block letters _____ AU Choi-kai _____

Post Title _____ Director of Buildings _____

Date _____ 27.2.2012 _____