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Question (Member Question No. 9):

Following the publication of the revised Code of Practice for Structural Use of Concrete 2013, what is the staffing provision of the department concerned for monitoring the implementation of the Code, and what is the expenditure involved?

Asked by: Hon. LAU Wong-fat

Reply:

The Code of Practice for Structural Use of Concrete 2013 (the Code) provides guidelines for professionals and practitioners on the design, analysis and construction of concrete structures for compliance with the requirements of the Buildings Ordinance. The Code was published on 28 February 2013 and has been fully implemented since 28 February 2014.

In 2014-15, the work associated with the approval of structural plans and monitoring of the safety of construction sites in respect of all private building developments in Hong Kong will be handled by the 120 professional and technical staff of the New Buildings Division 2 (NBD2) of the Buildings Department (BD). As monitoring the implementation of the Code is part of the overall duties of the NBD2 of the BD, we are not able to provide a breakdown of either the manpower or the expenditure involved solely for monitoring the implementation of the Code.