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Question (Member Question No. 355):

What is the progress of the consultancy study on the structural use of glass in buildings? When is the study expected to be completed? What is the estimated expenditure of the entire project? In what form will the study report be released?

Asked by: Hon. CHAN Ka-lok, Kenneth

Reply:

The Buildings Department (BD) has commissioned a consultancy study to develop a set of standards for the structural use of glass in buildings and to prepare a draft code of practice (CoP) for use by building professionals. The consultancy study is steered by a committee under BD with members comprising representatives from professional institutions, associations of the building industry, academia as well as relevant government departments. The study commenced in October 2012 and the draft CoP is expected to be ready for consultation with stakeholders of the building industry in the second half of 2014. The finalised CoP will then be promulgated and uploaded to the website of BD. The contract sum for the consultancy study is \$1.28 million.