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Question (Member Question No. 52):

What are the scope and direction of the consultancy study commenced on the comprehensive review of the Building (Planning) Regulations (Cap. 123F)? When will the Government invite tenders for the consultancy, what is the duration of the study, when will the Government consult the Legislative Council on the study and what is the estimated expenditure involved?

Asked by: Hon. WU Chi-wai

Reply:

The Buildings Department (BD) has commissioned a consultancy study to comprehensively review the Building (Planning) Regulations (B(P)R) (Cap. 123F) and make recommendations on the planning and design standards of buildings stipulated therein so as to keep abreast with the advancement of technology and energy efficiency in building design. The study will also seek to update B(P)R generally to facilitate modern and innovative building design with a view to developing a performance-based regulatory system.

The study, which commenced in November 2013, is steered by a committee under BD with members comprising representatives from professional institutions, associations of the building industry as well as relevant government departments. The consultant will conduct consultation sessions with stakeholders on the findings and recommendations during the course of study. Under the tentative timetable, we estimate that the study will be completed in 2015. The contract sum for the consultancy study is \$2.38 million. The consultancy study is administered using the existing manpower resources of BD.

Following completion of the study, BD will proceed with the legislative process to update B(P)R and will consult the Panel on Development of the Legislative Council and stakeholders of the building industry.