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Question:

One of the areas of work requiring attention in 2015-16 is the consultation with stakeholders for implementing a Product Certification system for materials used in private building developments. Will the administration inform this Committee:

- 1) of the specific work arrangement plan and the results and benefits it will have on the industry or the Department;
- 2) of the specific expenditure breakdown of the plan?

Asked by: Hon IP Kwok-him (Member Question No. 31)

Reply:

- 1) The Buildings Department (BD) is carrying out a study on a Product Certification (PC) system for materials used in private building developments, covering fire door, fire partition and aluminum window as a start. BD aims to consult stakeholders in mid-2015 on the implementation of the PC system. It is expected that, with the implementation of PC system, the quality of building products will be enhanced and safeguarded through better upstream control in the manufacturing process.
- 2) The study is carried out by seven professional and technical staff of the Research and Development Unit of BD as part of their overall duties on research and development of building materials technologies. The administrative work on acceptance of product certificates under the PC system will be handled by 210 professional and technical staff of the two New Buildings Divisions of BD as part of their overall duties in the control of private building developments. We are therefore not able to provide a breakdown of the expenditure solely for this initiative.

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