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Question:

Since September 2014, the Buildings Department has introduced a new guideline, requiring that the external reflectance of the glass used in the curtain walls of residential buildings and residents' recreational facilities should not exceed 20% as one of the pre-requisites for granting gross floor area concessions. The guideline was implemented in April 2015 and consideration has been given to extending it to commercial buildings. In the 2016-17 estimates, will resources be redeployed to implement the extension of this guideline to commercial buildings? If so, how much resource will be involved and when will the implementation of the measure be completed? If no, what are the reasons for that?

Asked by: Hon James TO Kun-sun (Member Question No. 19)

Reply:

The Buildings Department (BD) extended the application of the new measure to commercial buildings in September 2015. The existing professional and technical staff of the two New Buildings Divisions of the BD is already implementing this measure and there is no need for new resources.