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Question:

The authorities stated that they would continue the consultancy study to formulate a Code of Practice for Seismic-resistant Building Design Standards for the introduction of statutory seismic design requirements for new buildings. What are the manpower and expenditure involved, and what is the timetable for the study?

Asked by: Prof Hon Joseph LEE Kok-long (Member Question No. 97)

Reply:

The consultancy study to formulate a code of practice for seismic-resistant design standards for buildings in Hong Kong commenced in February 2015 and is expected to complete in three years. The estimated expenditure of the study is \$8.1 million.

The New Buildings Division 2 of the Buildings Department is responsible for monitoring the study as part of their overall duties in administering the building control regime for new private developments. We are therefore not able to provide a breakdown of the manpower and expenditure involved solely for this initiative.

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