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Question:

In Matters Requiring Special Attention in 2018-19, the Administration states that it will complete the review of the Building (Minor Works) Regulation by formulating new and refined minor works items as well as new prescribed building works items to facilitate building owners in carrying out new and/or maintaining existing small scale minor works. Will the Administration inform this Council the estimated completion date for the said review and does it consult the related trades and practitioners for the said review? When will the Administration report to this Council concerning the said review and will it propose changes in regulations in order to facilitate minor works as well as to enhance safety in conducting minor works in town? If yes, of the details; if no, of the reasons.

Asked by: Hon SHEK Lai-him, Abraham (Member Question No. 75)

Reply:

The Buildings Department (BD) is reviewing the Building (Minor Works) Regulation (B(MW)R) with a view to expanding the Minor Works Control System (MWCS) to facilitate members of the public to carry out small-scale building works through a simple, effective and lawful way. BD has consulted the industry from time to time through the Building Sub-Committee of the Land and Development Advisory Committee, the Authorised Persons, Registered Structural Engineers and Registered Geotechnical Engineers Committee, and the Technical Committee on MWCS when drawing up the legislative proposals. These committees comprise representatives of professional institutions, other stakeholder associations of the building industry and relevant government departments. The feedback received in respect of the proposals is generally supportive. Upon finalisation of the legislative proposals, the Development Bureau will consult the Panel on Development of the Legislative Council and then proceed with the legislative process to amend B(MW)R at an appropriate juncture.

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