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Question:

The Planning and Lands Branch will update the Building (Construction) Regulations and the Building (Minor Works) Regulation in 2019-20. Please state in detail the outline and timetable for the relevant work and the staff establishment responsible for such work (tabulate the number of staff by post).

Asked by: Hon SHIU Ka-fai (LegCo internal reference no.: 55)

Reply:

The Buildings Department (BD) has completed the reviews on the Building (Construction) Regulations (B(C)R) and the Building (Minor Works) Regulation (B(MW)R). To provide further facilitation to the industry, bring greater convenience to members of the public and keep in pace with the latest technological advancements and societal needs, it is proposed to –

- (a) revamp the B(C)R to change the current prescriptive provisions to performance-based ones as far as practicable, and to enhance standards on the design and construction of buildings, streets, building works and street works; and
- (b) amend the B(MW)R to include more works items under the prevailing Minor Works Control System to facilitate the public to carry out such works lawfully.

We consulted the Legislative Council (LegCo) Panel on Development on 26 February 2019, and aim to finalise the amendments to the extant regulations with a view to tabling them in the LegCo in the near future.

BD is responsible for the reviews of the various building regulations including the B(C)R and B(MW)R as part of their overall duties. BD could not provide a breakdown of the manpower involved solely for this initiative.

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