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Question:

The Buildings Department (BD) is spearheading the development of the Electronic Submission Hub (ESH) as a digital platform for receiving and processing of building plans, documents and applications submitted under the Buildings Ordinance. Please inform this Committee of the following:

1. Stage 1 of ESH was launched on 30 June 2022 to accept electronic submission of structural plans and applications for building works above ground (excluding alteration and addition works). What are the number of applications submitted through the system since the launch, and the number of applications using paper-based mode of submission during the same period?
2. Does BD have any plans to further promote and facilitate the use of the system by the industry in 2023-24? If yes, what are the details?
3. What is the timetable for the implementation of ESH in Stage 2 (where the system will be extended to cover building plans that will require processing by some organisations or departments including those under the Works Branch of the Development Bureau) and Stage 3 (where all types of plan submissions will be covered)?

Asked by: Hon TSE Wai-chuen, Tony (LegCo internal reference no.: 30)

Reply:

1. Since the launch of Stage 1 of the Electronic Submission Hub (ESH) on 30 June 2022, as at 28 February 2023, there were 109 and 3 459 submissions of structural plans for building works above ground submitted through ESH and using paper-based mode respectively.
- 2 & 3. Stage 2 of ESH was launched on 31 March 2023 and Stage 3 is scheduled to be launched in the second quarter of 2025. The Buildings Department will arrange

publicity activities to further promote and facilitate the use of ESH by the industry in 2023-24, including:

- (a) conducting briefings and workshops for industry practitioners;
- (b) promulgating circular letters, practice notes and user guides on the operation and requirements of the system; and
- (c) producing videos and posting social media feeds to promote the use of ESH.

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