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<u>Director of Bureau</u>: Secretary for Housing, Planning and Lands

<u>Question</u>: Please list out the details of the consultancy study to draft a Design Manual on Barrier Free Access and Facilities for Persons with a Disability and the Elderly. When will the consultancy study commence? When will it be completed?

Asked by: Hon. WONG Yung-kan

## Reply:

The Buildings Department commissioned the consultancy study to draft a Design Manual on Barrier Free Access and Facilities for persons with a disability and the elderly in October 2002. The consultancy study is expected to be completed in March 2004.

The study aims to -

- (a) review the current legislation and Design Manual;
- (b) research into overseas practices;
- (c) recommend rationalized design requirements; and
- (d) develop a draft design manual.

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