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Question :

According to the document, the Government will monitor market conditions and take them into account when drawing up the Application List to be used as from January 2004. In this connection, could the Government inform us:

- (a) whether the List would be regularly updated and reviewed and if so, how often does the Government intend to conduct a review?
- (b) The Application List system will be resumed following the expiry in November this year of the suspension of land sale and the Application List system for a year as announced by the Government on 13.11. 2002. Why is the List to be formally used as from January next year?

Asked by : Hon. IP Kwok-him

Reply :

- (a) Prior to the Government's property market stabilization measures announced in last November, the Application List was prepared annually as part of the Land Sale Programme announced before each financial year. As a practice, the Application List is reviewed and revised before its announcement to the public. We will continue with this practice.
- (b) In his statement of 13 November 2002 on the property market stabilization measures, the Secretary for Housing, Planning and Lands stated that all scheduled land auction would be stopped and that the Application List would be suspended until the end of 2003. Thereafter, the supply of new land would only be triggered from the Application List. In line with the above measures, a new Application List will be prepared for use as from January 2004.

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