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Question : What are the progress, future programmes and expenses in respect of the continued review of the planning framework for industrial land provision?

Asked by : Hon. CHAN Yuen-han

Reply :

In response to the restructuring economy, Planning Department (PlanD) has been monitoring and reviewing the use of our stock of industrial land/buildings so that they can be better utilised to meet changing economic and community needs. As part of this monitoring and review process, we have undertaken or initiated the following tasks :

- (a) rezone surplus industrial land identified in the 1999 industrial buildings survey to other uses, including residential and business uses;
- (b) explore the feasibility of converting existing industrial premises to “loft” apartment and residential institution uses;
- (c) review the permitted and permissible uses within the “Industrial” and “Business” zones to allow greater flexibility in change of use;
- (d) conduct another round of survey of industrial buildings to update the situation on their usage, and gather stakeholders’ views on the future of industrial buildings; and
- (e) review the overall demand and supply of industrial land.

The above tasks are all undertaken by PlanD’s in-house resources. Tasks (a), (b) and (c) have basically been completed whilst tasks (d) and (e) are still on-going and are expected to be completed by end 2003.

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