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Question : Please advise the progress of the Hong Kong Housing Society's scheme to assist owners of old buildings in building maintenance and management. How many buildings for which maintenance work is expected to be completed within this year under the scheme and what is the amount of resources allocated? What are the time and resources required to complete the entire scheme?

Asked by : Hon. LI Kwok-ying

Reply :

The Hong Kong Housing Society (HKHS) launched a \$3 billion "Building Management and Maintenance Scheme" on 1 February 2005 to provide "one-stop" technical support, financial incentives and interest-free loans to owners of old buildings to undertake building maintenance and management work in order to improve their overall living environment. Through this 10-year Scheme, the HKHS aims to provide assistance to about 800 buildings annually. As at mid-March 2005, the HKHS has received over 700 enquiries over the Scheme. About 20 loan applications are being processed.

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