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Question :

The Buildings Department plans to draft the framework of a green labelling system for new buildings, with a view to further encouraging the construction of environmentally-friendly buildings. Can the Buildings Department explain the details of this green labelling system and the areas that it would cover? If this system is to be implemented, what will the expenditure be?

Asked by : Hon. CHEUNG Hok-ming

Reply :

The Buildings Department commissioned a consultancy study in 2002 to draft a Comprehensive Environmental Performance Assessment Scheme for assessing the environmental performance of buildings and the construction process. The scheme is applicable to both new and existing buildings. It covers all stages of a building cycle including the pre-design, design, construction, in use, and demolition stages. The assessment criteria mainly cover eight aspects, namely the use of resources, pollution and waste, site impact, neighbourhood impact, indoor environmental quality, building amenities, site amenities and neighbourhood amenities. Buildings assessed under this scheme may be awarded with labels indicating their environmental friendliness.

The initial idea is that the scheme should be market-driven and be run by a non-government body on a voluntary and self-financing basis. The source of funding may include assessment fees, registration fees of assessors and training to be offered. The implementation details of the scheme are still to be worked out.

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