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Question:

As regards this Sub-head (item 012), the item of "Consultancy to review Code of Practice for Fire Safety in buildings and renovation works" still has not commenced yet. What were the reasons?

Asked by : Hon. FUNG Kin-kee, Frederick

Reply:

The consultancy study to review the codes of practice for fire safety in buildings and renovation works is now in progress and is planned to be completed in mid 2006. This is a complex technical study involving the revision of four codes of practice relating to fire safety requirements and the compilation of a new code of practice on building safety designs based on fire engineering methods. After the completion of the consultancy study, we will consult the industry on the new and revised codes of practice and promulgate them thereafter.

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