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Question :

Under the item Matters Requiring Special Attention, a proposed integrated site supervision system for building works and street works will be introduced to replace the existing site supervision system. How many "site supervisors" are involved and what will the specific arrangement be?

Asked by : Hon. LI Fung-ying

Reply :

There are three existing types of supervision requirements under the Buildings Ordinance, viz:

- a) Site Safety Supervision – supervision to ensure that site works are carried out in a safe manner through specified site safety management arrangements. This is required for all kinds of building works;
- b) Quality Supervision – supervision to ensure that the quality of foundation works, soil nailing works for slope strengthening, and ground investigation field works are up to standard; and
- c) Qualified Supervision for Geotechnical Works – supervision to ensure that geotechnical design requirements are closely followed when geotechnical works are being carried out.

Each of the above types of supervision requirements entails a different system of supervision in terms of the frequency of inspections and the competence and number of supervisors required under the system. At present, depending on the particular type of building works to be carried out, one, two or all three types of supervision requirements may be applicable for the same site, and separate sets of supervision proposals have to be prepared and submitted to the Building Authority before consent to commence the building works is given. The proposed integrated site supervision system consolidates the above three types of supervision requirements under one

system and rationalizes the duties, grades and inspection frequencies of the site supervisors. The objective is mainly to simplify the procedures, and avoid duplication of the administrative efforts involved.

There are approximately 6 000 site supervisors working in the construction industry. These site supervisors working under the three existing systems will be eligible to carry out the respective supervision duties under the new system.

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