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<u>Director of Bureau</u>: Secretary for Housing, Planning and Lands

<u>Question</u>: Regarding the commencement of the consultation on the revised requirements on the provision of facilities in buildings for persons with a disability and the elderly persons, please provide the details of the consultation and its latest progress.

Asked by: Hon. LEE Kok-long, Joseph

Reply:

The Elderly Commission and LegCo Panel on Welfare Services were consulted in November 2005 and January 2006 respectively on the draft revised Design Manual: Barrier Free Access. In addition, two public consultation forums were held in February, 2006. The building industry and other stakeholders are also being consulted. Moreover, views from members of the public are being invited. Upon completion of the consultation exercise in June this year, the findings will be analysed and the outcome of the consultation will be reported to the LegCo Panel on Welfare Services.

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Date

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