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Head : 82 Buildings Department Subhead (No. & title) :

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Question : Please provide the timetable of the Consultancy study to draft a Design Manual on Barrier Free Access and Facilities for Persons with a Disability and the Elderly. What are the implications on expenditure and staffing?

Asked by : Hon. MA Lik

Reply :

Following the completion of the consultancy study on the revision of the Design Manual on Barrier Free Access and Facilities for Persons with a Disability and the Elderly, a public consultation exercise has been launched on the revised requirements proposed in the draft revised Design Manual. The consultation will end in June 2006. Views received in the consultation will be taken into account in finalising the revised Design Manual. Legislative amendments to the relevant building regulations are planned to be introduced in the next legislative session to require the adoption of the revised standards in newly constructed and substantially altered private buildings. The expenditure on the consultancy study on the revised Design Manual is about \$2.5 million. The implementation of the revised requirements will form part of the requirements relating to the design, planning and construction of new and substantially altered buildings enforced by the Buildings Department. No additional resources will be incurred for the implementation.

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