

**CONTROLLING OFFICER'S REPLY TO
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Head : 118 Planning Department Subhead (No. & title) :

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Question : As we understand, the Planning Department is to monitor and review the implementation of the Town Planning (Amendment) Ordinance 2004, as well as to revise guidance notes, guidelines and information brochures. While the work in 2004 covers "Stage One" amendments to the Town Planning Ordinance, could the Government inform this Council of the time-table for the "Stage Two" amendments and the impact of the work on the manpower of the Government?

Asked by : Hon. CHEUNG Hok-ming

Reply :

As the new statutory planning requirements and procedures brought about by the Amendment Ordinance have only been implemented for about eight months, we need to consolidate our experience and closely monitor the progress. We have undertaken to review the various implementation guidelines in consultation with the stakeholders with a view to further improving the administrative procedures. Some of our stakeholders have requested more time for consultation. It will be prudent to gather adequate experiences and assess the effectiveness of the Amendment Ordinance before embarking on Stage Two. At this stage, no additional manpower resource for the work is envisaged.

Signature

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