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Question :

Please provide in detail the timetable for taking forward the proposals to amend the Buildings Ordinance, in particular the legislative timetable for introducing a minor works control regime and the details of the manpower and resources involved in 2007-08.

Asked by : Hon. HO Chun-yan, Albert

Reply :

We have been in consultation with the industry to map out and refine the details of a proposed minor works control system. We are finalizing the proposal and plan to introduce the Buildings (Amendment) Bill into the Legislative Council within the current legislative session. No additional expenditure is required as the work is carried out by the Bureau's existing staff as part of their duties and will continue to be so in 2007-08.

Signature _____

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Date 15 March 2007

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