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Question :

Please provide in detail the timetable for taking forward the proposals to amend the Land Titles Ordinance, in particular the legislative timetable for implementing the new title registration system and details of the manpower and resources involved in 2007-08.

Asked by : Hon. HO Chun-yan, Albert

Reply :

We have been working on the amendments to the Land Titles Ordinance and the supporting regulations. We have started consultation with the relevant stakeholders, including the legal profession, on some of the legislative amendments. We will carefully consider the views received during the consultation, and work closely with the stakeholders in refining the legislative proposals for the land titles registration system.

We will introduce the Land Titles (Amendment) Bill and related regulations into the Legislative Council as soon as practicable after we have completed the discussion with the stakeholders and drafting of the amendment legislation.

The above work will continue to be handled by the existing manpower in the Housing, Planning and Lands Bureau and the Land Registry in 2007-08.

Signature _____

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Date _____ 15 March 2007

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