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**CONTROLLING OFFICER'S REPLY TO  
INITIAL WRITTEN QUESTION**

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Question :

The Government will continue to work on the proposals to resolve the problem of missing or illegible government leases in 2007-08. Would the Government inform us of the timetable for such work and the estimated expenditure involved?

Asked by : Hon. LI Kwok-ying

Reply :

We have conducted a round of consultation with the Heung Yee Kuk, the Law Society of Hong Kong and the Panel on Planning, Lands and Works of the Legislative Council. In the light of the feedback received, we are in the process of finalizing the legislative proposals for detailed drafting work. As this is a piece of complex legislation with considerable amount of technical details, the process will take some time. At the Housing, Planning and Lands Bureau level, preparation work for the proposed legislation is handled by existing manpower resources in the Planning and Lands Branch.

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