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Question :

A sum of \$4.5 million has been allocated to the Buildings Department to commission a "Consultancy study to draft a Design Manual on Barrier Free Access and Facilities for Persons with a Disability and the Elderly". What is the progress of the drafting of the Manual? What is the anticipated progress to be achieved in 2007-08?

Asked by : Hon. LEONG Kah-kit, Alan

Reply :

The consultancy study for the drafting of a Design Manual for the provision of access and facilities for persons with a disability and the elderly has been completed after a series of consultations with the stakeholders, the industry and the Legislative Council Panel on Welfare Services. The Health, Welfare and Food Bureau will consider the introduction of legislative amendments to the relevant building regulations to bring the draft Design Manual into effect.

Signature _____

Name in block letters _____ CHEUNG Hau-wai _____

Post Title _____ Director of Buildings _____

Date _____ 15 March 2007 _____

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