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Question : One of the Planning Department's functions is to formulate and revise the Hong Kong Planning Standards and Guidelines (HKPSG). When will the Planning Department conduct a comprehensive review of the HKPSG? What is the estimated manpower and expenditure involved if it is to be conducted?

Asked by : Hon. CHEUNG Hok-ming

Reply :

As part of its regular and ongoing duties, the Planning Department reviews and updates the planning standards and guidelines from time to time to keep pace with government policies and the changing aspirations of the community. The manpower requirement is absorbed by existing staff as part of their normal duties. If the formulation of new standards and guidelines requires planning studies to be undertaken by consultants, they would be funded separately.

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