

**Replies to supplementary questions raised by Finance Committee Members in
examining the Estimates of Expenditure 2009-10**

**Director of Bureau : Secretary for Development
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Question Serial No.

S072

Head : 138 Government Secretariat: Subhead (No. & title) :
Development Bureau (Planning and Lands Branch) 000 Operational expenses

Programme: (2) Buildings, Lands and Planning

Controlling Officer: Permanent Secretary for Development
(Planning and Lands)

Director of Bureau: Secretary for Development

Question:

It is stated in the Reply (Serial No. DEVB (PL) 008) that five submissions on the development plan at Tin Shui Wai Area 112B have been received. Please specify the proposals in those submissions and the subsequent arrangements; and whether the expenditure for 2009-10 will be increased.

Asked by: Hon. CHEUNG Kwok-che

Reply:

In the five submissions received in response to the expressions of interest exercise, the suggested uses include gourmet food plaza, wine tasting area, luxury goods factory outlet, youth recreational venue, adventure training centre, cultural and entertainment venue, and outdoor theatre etc.

DEVB has already met with the five project proponents to gain a better understanding of their proposals. We will evaluate the merits of these proposals, and examine their technical feasibility and financial viability in consultation with concerned Departments. We will then devise the appropriate mechanism for selecting the best proposal, and consider whether additional expenditure will be required on the part of Government in 2009-10.

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Mrs Ava S. Y. NG

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Permanent Secretary for Development
(Planning and Lands), Atg

Date _____

30 March 2009

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S-DEVB(PL)02

Question Serial No.

S082

Head : 82 Buildings Department

Subhead (No. & title) :

Programme: Buildings and Building Works

Controlling Officer: Director of Buildings

Director of Bureau: Secretary for Development

Question :

According to the reply for question serial no. 0963, the performance-based regulatory system is now being developed by the Buildings Department. In this connection, will the Government inform the Committee when will the system be completed? And when will the Government conduct consultations with the relevant sectors?

Asked by : Hon. SHEK Lai-him, Abraham

Reply :

The development of the performance-based regulatory system is an on-going process. Most of the consultancy studies commissioned by the Buildings Department on various aspects of planning, safety and construction requirements have been completed. We have been seeking the views of the building professionals and industry through the established consultation mechanism during the various studies and the formulation of legislative amendments to the relevant building regulations to introduce the proposed performance-based requirements. The relevant legislative amendments will be introduced in phases starting late 2009.

Signature _____

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AU Choi-kai

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Director of Buildings

Date _____

30 March 2009