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**CONTROLLING OFFICER'S REPLY**

**SV-DEVB(W)01**

**(Question Serial No. SV033)**

Head: (159) Government Secretariat: Development Bureau  
(Works Branch)

Subhead (No. & title): Not specified

Programme: (2) Heritage Conservation

Controlling Officer: Permanent Secretary for Development (Works) (C K HON)

Director of Bureau: Secretary for Development

Question:

The follow-up question below is raised pursuant to reply no. DEVB(W)009:

Under the prevailing policy, the Government will offer appropriate economic incentives to private owners of historic buildings (for example, private owners could be given policy support for their applications to relax restrictions on plot ratio and/or site coverage) in order to encourage them to adopt a “preservation-cum-development” approach in preserving and revitalising their historic buildings. Please provide details of successful cases in the past which involved relaxation of plot ratio and/or site coverage.

Asked by: Hon CHOW Ho-ding, Holden

Reply:

We recognise that on the premise of respecting private property rights, we need to offer appropriate economic incentives to private owners of historic buildings to compensate them for their loss due to the conservation of the buildings in question. Details of cases in the past five years in which owners agreed to conserve their historic buildings and which involved a relaxation of plot ratio and/or site coverage are as follows:

- (1) part of the façade of 8 Pollock's Path (a Grade 2 historic building) has been preserved through a minor relaxation of plot ratio from 0.5 to 0.548 approved by the Metro Planning Committee of the Town Planning Board (TPB) in September 2013; and
- (2) the Cheung Chau Theatre (a Grade 3 historic building) has been preserved through a minor relaxation of plot ratio from 0.4 to 0.472 and of the site's coverage restriction from 20% to 36.8% approved by the Rural and New Town Planning Committee of the TPB in December 2013.

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**CONTROLLING OFFICER'S REPLY****SV-DEVB(W)02****(Question Serial No. SV009)**

Head: (159) Government Secretariat: Development Bureau  
(Works Branch)

Subhead (No. & title): Not specified

Programme: (5) Intra-Governmental Services

Controlling Officer: Permanent Secretary for Development (Works) (C K HON)

Director of Bureau: Secretary for Development

Question:

The follow-up question below is raised pursuant to reply no. DEVB(W)028:

Please provide information on the employment situation, including the wastage rate, of the skilled workers in the construction industry who have completed training provided by the Government in collaboration with the Construction Industry Council.

Asked by: Hon LO Wai-kwok

Reply:

The Construction Industry Council (CIC) has provided various types of subsidised training courses for construction workers and new entrants to the construction industry. The in-house training courses provided by CIC include basic craft courses for youngsters who have completed junior secondary education, and adult short courses for adults who used to work in other industries. CIC has also launched various collaborative training schemes with the industry, including those organised with contractors, sub-contractors and labour unions.

The number of graduates from the above training courses, together with their employment rates upon graduation, in the past three years is provided below –

Year	2014	2015	2016
CIC in-house courses	3 644 (90%)	3 556 (92%)	3 797 (94%)
Collaborative Training Schemes	1 168 (92%)	1 305 (94%)	1 571 (94%)

To keep track of retention rates, CIC conducts telephone surveys on the employment situation of those who have completed the above training courses. The retention rates at three months after graduation in the past three years are set out below –

Year	2014 graduates	2015 graduates	2016 graduates
CIC in-house courses	77%	85%	85%
Collaborative Training Schemes	90%	88%	91%

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