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Question:

Regarding the measures under the new round of revitalisation scheme for industrial buildings, will the Government inform this Committee of the following:

- (a) The area of industrial buildings expected to be involved in the scheme;
- (b) The estimated expenditure on the scheme in 2019-20.

Asked by: Hon YICK Chi-ming, Frankie (LegCo internal reference no.: 8)

Reply:

- (a) The measures of relaxing the waiver application policy and promulgating a wider definition of “godown” uses under lease provisions are relevant to most existing industrial buildings in general. As for the other measures involving redevelopment, wholesale conversion and partial conversion of industrial buildings, the Lands Department (LandsD) has not estimated the floor area of industrial buildings to be involved under the new round of Industrial Buildings Revitalisation Scheme as it would depend on the number of applications to be submitted.
- (b) Regarding the expenditure in 2019-20, LandsD estimates that there will be 17 posts to handle directly the processing of applications submitted in connection with the above revitalisation measures. The estimated annual staff cost is about \$8.6 million. Some of the related land administration work would also be undertaken and absorbed by existing staff resources of LandsD for which no separate breakdown is available.

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