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Question:

The Buildings Department is committed to promoting the Electronic Submission Hub (ESH) and continues to prepare legislative amendments to the Building (Administration) Regulations and consequential amendments to the Electronic Transactions Ordinance and the Electronic Transactions (Exclusion) Order for accepting applications submitted under the Buildings Ordinance via electronic means to pave the way for the implementation of the ESH. What is the timetable for fully implementing the ESH? What is the estimated expenditure?

Asked by: Hon TSE Wai-chuen, Tony (LegCo internal reference no.: 192)

Reply:

The Buildings Department is spearheading the development of the Electronic Submission Hub (ESH) as a digital centralised portal for receiving and processing building plans and applications submitted under the Buildings Ordinance. ESH will be launched in three stages starting from the first quarter of 2022 for Stage 1, and its full implementation is targeted at the second quarter of 2025.

A sum of \$214.39 million was approved by the Finance Committee of the Legislative Council in February 2019 for the development of ESH.

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