

# Development Bureau launches consultation on proposals to amend Buildings Ordinance

The Development Bureau (DEVB) launched the public consultation exercise today (December 31) for the proposals to amend the Buildings Ordinance (BO), with proposed amendments in three aspects, namely expediting building inspection and repair, rationalising the policy on handling unauthorised building works, and enhancing construction safety. The target is to introduce an amendment bill in the first half of 2026. An electronic version of the consultation document is available on the website of the DEVB ([www.devb.gov.hk/en/issues\\_in\\_focus/proposals-to-amend-the-buildings-ordinance/index.html](http://www.devb.gov.hk/en/issues_in_focus/proposals-to-amend-the-buildings-ordinance/index.html)).

The DEVB briefed the Legislative Council Panel on Development in mid-December on the proposals, and members generally agreed with the proposed directions of review. For details, please refer to the Legislative Council discussion paper ([www.legco.gov.hk/yr2024/english/panels/dev/papers/dev20241218cb1-1681-1-e.pdf](http://www.legco.gov.hk/yr2024/english/panels/dev/papers/dev20241218cb1-1681-1-e.pdf)) or the press release on the day the paper was issued ([www.info.gov.hk/gia/general/202412/13/P2024121300735.htm](http://www.info.gov.hk/gia/general/202412/13/P2024121300735.htm)).

The DEVB will arrange briefing sessions for the relevant stakeholders during the two-month consultation period to gather views. It also welcomes views from the public or organisations on the proposals to amend the BO via email, post or online form on or before February 28 next year.

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