

**CONTROLLING OFFICER'S REPLY TO
INITIAL WRITTEN QUESTION**

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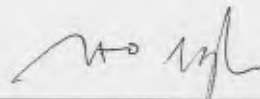
Question: Regarding matters requiring special attention in 2008-09, the Electrical and Mechanical Services Department (EMSD) will commence studies on the long-term market structure for the electricity market. What is the scope of the studies? Please specify the time frame to be covered by this study. What target groups will be included in the public consultation? What are the commencement date and completion date of the studies?

Asked by: Hon. SHEK Lai-him, Abraham

Reply:

EMSD will provide technical support to the Environment Bureau to conduct the studies on the long-term (i.e. post-2018) market structure for the electricity market. It is expected that the studies will take about two years to complete. Taking into account the findings of the studies, we will formulate the proposal for the regulatory framework of the future electricity market, of which we will consult the public.

Signature



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Director of Electrical and Mechanical Services

Date

25 March 2008