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Question:

There was no item of Mandatory Building Energy Code (BEC) Scheme in the past two financial years. What are the building types to be selected, the selection criteria and the content for sampling inspection? Moreover, what is the estimated expenditure involved?

Asked by: Hon. CHAN Ka-lok, Kenneth

Reply:

The Buildings Energy Efficiency Ordinance, which was fully implemented in September 2012, requires mandatory implementation of the Building Energy Code (BEC). It applies to public and private buildings prescribed under Schedule 1 of the Ordinance, including commercial buildings, composite buildings, hotels and guesthouses, hospitals, educational buildings, municipal buildings, institutional buildings and common areas of residential buildings and industrial buildings, etc.

The Ordinance mainly requires developers of the prescribed buildings at different stages of the building development to declare that the building services installations in the buildings comply with the energy efficiency requirements under the BEC. Similar requirement is also imposed for major retrofitting works in existing buildings. Such declarations should be certified by Registered Energy Assessors to confirm the compliance with the BEC before submission to the Electrical and Mechanical Services Department (EMSD) for consideration. As the Ordinance is still at the initial stage of implementation, EMSD will, by random sampling, conduct on-site inspections to verify if the BEC requirements are met by inspecting the building services installations actually completed against the information declared in the submitted documents. EMSD will monitor the implementation progress and review the sampling method, taking into account the experience gained in the implementation of the Ordinance.

The inspections are conducted by a team of EMSD's engineers and inspectors whose responsibilities cover a wide range of duties, including vetting and processing the submissions, inspection, investigation, prosecution, public education and publicity, handling enquiries/complaints, etc. for enforcement of the Ordinance. We do not have a breakdown of the estimated expenditures involved in inspections alone.

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補充資料:

- 1. 《建築物能源效益條例》於 2010 年 12 月刋憲,並於 2012 年 9 月 21 日起全面實施。
- 2. 統計(截至2013年3月31日):
 - 共接獲 244 份呈交文件;

内部參考:

能源審核83份(商業建築物);

遵行規定表格 119 份 (現有建築物完成主要裝修工程);

首階段聲明42份(新建建築物)

● 巡查:

- ◆ 在 2012 年 (自 9 月起),已巡查 216 幢商場及商業建築物;
- ◆ 預期在 2013 年,隨機抽查 260 幢建築物或處所; [內部參考:核實該建築物或 處所內的裝備與呈交的文件內容相符。]
- ◆ 預期在 2013 年,例行抽樣巡查 120 幢建築物;

内部參考:

- 1. 例行抽樣巡查針對商業建築物有否遵行《條例》,如展示有效的「能源審 核表格」(Energy Audit Form)及呈報 「主要裝修工程」等。
- 2. 現階段接獲呈報數目較預期少。如果情況持續,2013 年下半年將會進行更 多例行抽樣巡查。
- 3. COR target: 260 sampling inspection for submissions; 120 sampling inspection for buildings

● 宣傳:

- ◆ 已舉行/參與 96 場簡報/研討會(自 2011 年 1 月起);
- ◆ 累計出席人數約8,000人;
- ◆ 已發出 1,700 份宣傳單張及宣傳信函;
- ◆ 已處理 1,325 宗公眾查詢。

3. 有關執法的模擬問答:

問一:

首批須於條例生效後的首年內完成能源審核的建築物共有多少幢?直至目前為止,共有多少幢建築物已完成能源審核,並向機電工程署呈交所需文件?

答一:

根據我們現時記錄,首批須於條例生效後的首年內完成能源審核的商業樓宇及商場,約共有千多幢。根據《建築物能源效益條例》,這些建築物的業主須於 2013 年 9 月 20 日或之前進行首次能源審核,並向機電工程署呈交「能源審核表格」及能源審核報告的副本。直至今年 3 月中為止,本署已經收到 80 份相關文件。

追問一:

根據目前數字,現時尚有千多幢商業樓宇及商場未呈交文件,但距離限期只有數月,機電工程署可有對應之策?

答:

為了提醒首批業主按時遵守能源審核的規定,本署已向有關業主發出宣傳信及單張,並且陸續向尚未完成能源審核的建築物再次發出勸喻信,提醒業主按時遵守能源審核的規定。

Notes for internal reference:

If resources are sufficient, EMSD may arrange visits to buildings which have not completed energy audits.

追問二:

機電工程署可知市場進行能源審核的現況如何?

答:

據本署透過向部分建築物查詢,以及向業界人士(例如物業管理公司及「註冊能源效益評核人」等)了解市場進行能源審核的情況,得知很多建築物已籌備進行能源審核(例如展開招標程序等)。

能源審核旨在找出節能機會,從而減少建築物的耗電量,以收節能、減排及省錢之效,因此本署相信業主定必樂意支持《條例》及遵守能源審核規定,按時完成能源審核。

問二:

若然有首批須完成能源審核的建築物未如期呈交所需文件,機電工程署會採取 甚麼行動?

答二:

誠然,《建築物能源效益條例》剛全面實施不久,有關業主可能尚未充分適應及了解《條例》內容。如果任何建築物未能按時完成能源審核,因應《條例》剛全面實施的初期,本署會採取較為靈活的處理手法,先了解業主是否遇到某些困難,從而提供適當的協助以便利業主完成能源審核。若然發覺業主是蓄意逃避責任,本署會考慮向他們採取法律行動。

Notes for internal reference:

According to Section 22(8), an owner of a building, who fails to carry out energy audit at intervals no longer than 10 years, commits an offence and is liable on conviction to a fine at level 5 (\$50,000).

問三:

機電工程署可知由《建築物能源效益條例》全面實施後至今,已經開展的建築項目共有多少個?共收到多少份「首階段聲明」?

答三:

根據屋宇署的資料顯示,由《條例》全面實施後至今,約有 40 至 50 個上蓋建築項目已經展開。本署已經收到 30 多份「首階段聲明」。針對未提交聲明的發展商,本署會發出勸喻信,提醒他們有關的法律責任。

因應《條例》剛全面實施的初期,發展商可能並未全面掌握《條例》的要求,本署會盡量配合他們,提供適當的協助。若然發覺發展商是蓄意逃避責任,本署會考慮向他們採取法律行動。