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Question:

Pursuant to reply no. DEVB(W)129, the Administration is requested to explain whether a comprehensive database is available for relevant companies to obtain information about any underground utilities or infrastructure prior to carrying out works in a particular site.

Asked by: Hon. CHAN Kam-lam

Reply:

Highways Department has jointly developed a computer system with utility undertakings (including the two power companies, gas company, Hong Kong Tramways and telecommunication companies), government departments (including the Drainage Services Department and Water Supplies Department) and the MTR Corporation to provide an electronic platform for sharing the existing underground utility records being kept and maintained by the above individual companies and departments. Utility undertakings, government departments and the MTR Corporation are obliged to provide the information of their own utilities at a particular site upon request by relevant authorities such as the Office of the Communication Authority, government departments and other utility undertakings prior to carrying out works at a particular site. The electronic platform has been put into operation since 2002.

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