# Examination of Estimates of Expenditure 2019-20

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#### CONTROLLING OFFICER'S REPLY

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<u>Programme</u>: (1) Capital Projects

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### **Ouestion:**

In 2019-20, the Administration will commence the feasibility study under the third phase of "Universal Accessibility" (UA) Programme and review whether there is scope for further expansion of the Programme. Will the Administration examine whether the scope of the Programme can be expanded to cover housing estates under the Tenants Purchase Scheme?

Asked by: Hon OR Chong-shing, Wilson (LegCo internal reference no.: 24)

# Reply:

To ensure the proper use of public funds and to avoid the Government taking over the responsibilities of private property owners, walkways within the areas of housing estates under the Tenants Purchase Scheme are currently beyond the ambit of UA Programme. Following the announcement in the 2018 Policy Address, we are conducting a review to explore whether there is scope for further expansion of the UA Programme. We will consider the suggestion in the course of the review.