

Proposed Timeframe for Implementation of the Remaining 13 Quality Housing Initiatives

- As at end March 2001, 37 recommendations, which are vital in ensuring building quality and restoring public confidence, have been implemented or launched as pilot systems.
- The remaining 13 quality initiatives will be implemented progressively to enhance the sustained improvements in the construction industry. Some of these remaining recommendations are related to the review undertaken by CIRC. In determining the target implementation dates for these initiatives, there is a need to make reference to timeframe proposed in the CIRC Report.
- The target implementation dates for the remaining 13 initiatives are as follows -

	Quality Housing Initiatives	Proposed Timeframe for Implementation	Remarks
I.14	To enhance the objectiveness and independence of the disciplinary mechanism. (Rec 10)	Within 2001/02	Review the operation of the List Management Committees.
I.17	To reinforce the partnership relationship between the BC and the HD by reviewing BC's structure and operations. (Rec 46)	Pending policy review	
II.3	To strengthen the appraisal system for consultants to enhance its objectivity and consistency and to draw up clear guidelines for performance evaluation. (Rec 9)	Within 2001/02	Consultation with internal and external stakeholders in reviewing the current appraisal system for BC approval.

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II.5	To draw up a list of milestone check-points for monitoring contractors' progress and to link up the achievement with performance appraisal and contract payments. (Rec 14)	Within 2001/02	Develop the milestone checkpoints and review the effectiveness of the milestone payment of the two pilot projects.
II.6	To require contractors and consultants to submit Quality Supervision Plans on project management proposals. (Rec 15)	Within 2001/02	
II.9	To consider requiring contractors to employ contract workers in core trades by themselves and through their nominated sub-contractors and domestic sub-contractors. (Rec 23)	Within 2 years	Timeframe proposed in the CIRC Report.
II.10	To support the implementation of the Construction Workers' Registration System for enhancing the industry's professionalism. (Rec 24)	As soon as possible	As proposed in the CIRC Report, Works Bureau to consult the industry on the construction workers registration scheme and the implementation details.
II.11	To liaise with training authorities in providing more site management and public housing-oriented courses and continuous training opportunities for workers. (Rec 25)	Within 2 years	As proposed in the CIRC Report, the industry co-ordinating body, training institutions etc. to draw up a structured training framework.

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II.12	To uplift the professional qualifications for site supervisory staff and to increase the proportion of trade-tested workers from 35% to 60% in 3 years through contract requirements. (Rec 26)	<p>Within 2 years for uplifting professionalism of site supervisors</p> <p>Within 3 years for increasing the proportion of trade-testing</p>	Timeframe proposed in the CIRC Report
II.14	To provide better working environment for workers by upgrading relevant contract specifications. (Rec 47)	Within 2001/02	
II.18	To support the formation of an Organised Specialist Sub-contractors System and the employment of contract workers for tightening up control over sub-contracting. (Rec 31)	Within 3 years	As proposed in the CIRC Report, the industry co-ordinating body to set up a voluntary subcontractor registration scheme based on OSSS.
II.24	To explore 'Design, Build, Operate, Transfer' (DBOT) Concept. (Rec 49)	Within 2001/02	
II.25	To establish a systematic mechanism to steer the overall research strategy and oversee the use of HA Research Fund. (Rec 50)	Within 2001/02	

Note

Quality Housing Initiatives highlighted in grey are also CIRC recommendations.