

Examination of Estimates of Expenditure 2008-09
**CONTROLLING OFFICER'S REPLY TO
INITIAL WRITTEN QUESTION**

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Head : 82 Buildings Department Subhead (No. & title) :

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Question :

The Administration will sustain its action to improve building safety, including the selection of 700 single-staircase buildings for clearance of illegal rooftop structures in 2008. Will the Government inform this Committee of the location(s) of the illegal rooftop structures which are to be cleared, the timing of clearance, the number of occupants involved and the expenditure anticipated ?

Asked by : Hon. CHAN Wai-yip, Albert

Reply :

In 2008, the Buildings Department (BD) will continue its operation to clear illegal rooftop structures of 700 single-staircase buildings. The target buildings under the clearance operation are distributed on Hong Kong Island (about 30%), in Kowloon (about 30%) and in the New Territories (about 40%). The BD currently does not have exact information on the number of occupants present in such premises but freezing surveys will be conducted by the Housing Department in due course. The total expenditure for BD for this item of work in 2008-09 is about \$28.97 million.

Signature _____

Name in block letters _____

CHEUNG Hau-wai

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Director of Buildings

Date _____

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