

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

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Question :

It is noted that the estimated decrease in the number of specified commercial buildings (SCBs) to be inspected in 2008 is due to the small number of remaining target SCBs. In 2008-09, what is the estimated manpower and expenditure involved? What are the methods to expedite the progress?

Asked by : Hon. LI Kwok-ying

Reply :

In 2008-09, BD will maintain the existing level of manpower with an expenditure of about \$8.1 million to inspect the 30 remaining target specified commercial buildings (SCBs) and continue to handle the outstanding cases of fire safety improvement directions issued to the target SCBs inspected in previous years. To facilitate timely compliance of the fire safety improvement directions, we will follow up with the owners on the fire safety improvement directions, provide technical advice to them on the required improvement works and help them organise themselves to carry out the required works.

Signature \_\_\_\_\_

Name in block letters                      CHEUNG Hau-wai \_\_\_\_\_

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Date                      25 March 2008 \_\_\_\_\_