

Examination of Estimates of Expenditure 2008-09
**CONTROLLING OFFICER'S REPLY TO
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Head : 82 Buildings Department Subhead (No. & title) :

Programme: Buildings and Building Works

Controlling Officer: Director of Buildings

Director of Bureau: Secretary for Development

Question:

There are still many buildings with numerous unauthorised building works in Hong Kong. Will the Government expedite the provision of more resources to carry out inspections and removal work?

Asked by: Hon. TAM Heung-man

Reply:

The Buildings Department (BD) will continue with its multi-pronged approach in tackling the problem of unauthorised building works (UBWs), including immediate removal of dangerous and new UBWs, identifying target buildings for the annual large-scale operations to remove UBWs on external walls, and enhancing public awareness on the problems of UBWs and owners' responsibilities to safeguard building safety through publicity and education programmes. The BD will be allocated adequate resources to perform the aforementioned tasks.

Signature _____

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Date 17 March 2008 _____