

Examination of Estimates of Expenditure 2009-10  
**CONTROLLING OFFICER'S REPLY TO  
INITIAL WRITTEN QUESTION**

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

Programme : Buildings and Building Works

Controlling Officer : Director of Buildings

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Question :

In 2008, the Administration instigated a total number of 3 091 prosecutions against failure to comply with removal orders. How many of these cases have been successful in prosecuting the owners concerned?

Asked by : Hon. LAU Kin-ye, Miriam

Reply :

Amongst the 3 091 prosecutions instigated by the Buildings Department in 2008 against failure to comply with removal orders, 1 880 cases were convicted. Another 699 cases are still under court proceedings. The remaining 512 prosecutions were unsuccessful mainly due to unsuccessful service of summonses and the courts' acceptance of the reasonable excuses submitted by the defendants.

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