

Examination of Estimates of Expenditure 2009-10
**CONTROLLING OFFICER'S REPLY TO
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Question :

What is the progress of the modified Co-ordinated Maintenance of Buildings Scheme implemented by the Buildings Department in collaboration with the Hong Kong Housing Society? Of the 150 target buildings, how many have carried out the required repair/improvement works? What are the details of the expenditure involved?

Asked by : Hon. LEE Kok-long, Joseph

Reply :

The Buildings Department (BD) has invited the Hong Kong Housing Society (HKHS) to participate in the new modality of the Co-ordinated Maintenance of Buildings Scheme (CMBS) operation since 2005. About 150 target buildings are selected every year and a total of 603 target buildings have been selected to join the CMBS operation since 2005. Another 150 target buildings will be selected for the CMBS operation later this year.

Up to the end of February 2009, out of the 603 target buildings, 135 buildings have completed all the required repair/improvement works and another 178 buildings have commenced the repair/improvement works. The remaining 290 buildings are at different stages of the programme of the CMBS such as establishing owners' corporations, appointing authorised persons and tendering works contracts.

The BD's work in the CMBS operation is discharged by the 663 professional and technical staff (with an annual cost of \$229 million) of the Department as part of their duties in dealing with a full range of work in relation to building safety and maintenance. It is not possible to provide a breakdown of the total expenditure solely for the CMBS operation.

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