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**CONTROLLING OFFICER'S REPLY TO
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Question :

The Buildings Department is expected to complete clearing the illegal rooftop structures of the remaining 280 buildings in 2009. Are there any subsequent plans to carry out similar operations for additional buildings? If yes, what are the details of the manpower arrangement and estimated expenditure involved?

Asked by : Hon. LEE Kok-long, Joseph

Reply :

Upon completion of clearance of illegal rooftop structures (IRSs) in the remaining 280 buildings, all IRSs on single-staircase buildings in Hong Kong should have been cleared. There is no plan to initiate a similar programme for other buildings. The Buildings Department 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 of buildings, and enhancing public awareness on the problems of UBWs and owners' responsibilities to safeguard building safety through publicity and education programmes.

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