

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

Under the target “composite buildings inspected for improvement of fire safety measures”, the Buildings Department says it will deploy additional resources to speed up the implementation programme starting from mid-2009. Will the Administration provide in detail the number of additional staff to be deployed and the additional expenditure in this regard?

Asked by : Hon. SHEK Lai-him, Abraham

Reply :

Following the commencement of the Fire Safety (Buildings) Ordinance (Cap. 572) in July 2007, the Buildings Department (BD) planned to inspect, in collaboration with the Fire Services Department, 840 buildings per annum with an annual provision of \$25 million for the BD. The BD will deploy additional provision of \$8.8 million, with 22 civil service posts (comprising six professional and 16 technical posts), to speed up the implementation programme starting from July 2009. As such, the annual target of inspection would be enhanced to 1 000 buildings for 2009 and 1 150 buildings for a full year from 2010 onwards.

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Director of Buildings

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