

Examination of Estimates of Expenditure 2009-10
**CONTROLLING OFFICER'S REPLY TO
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Head : 82 Buildings Department Subhead (No. & title) :

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Question :

The Buildings Department will implement a special operation to remove about 5 000 abandoned advertisement signboards in 2009. What is the estimated amount of resources required? What are the details of the operation, including the districts with abandoned signboards involved?

Asked by : Hon. TO Kun-sun, James

Reply :

In addition to the planned annual target for 2009 to remove/repair 1 600 advertisement signboards, the Buildings Department (BD) will implement a special operation in 2009-10 to remove 5 000 abandoned signboards over the territory by March 2010. Under the special operation, the BD will prioritize its enforcement action and tackle at the outset those abandoned signboards that are located in areas with busy commercial activities. With the support of the Home Affairs Department and Fire Services Department, the BD is soliciting assistance from District Councils, Fire Safety Ambassadors, owners corporations, mutual aid committees and other bodies in local districts to provide information on locations of abandoned signboards.

For this special operation, the one-off financial provision will be \$18 million.

Signature

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Director of Buildings

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