

Examination of Estimates of Expenditure 2010-11

**CONTROLLING OFFICER'S REPLY TO  
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Head : 82 Buildings Department    Subhead (No. & title) :

Programme : Buildings and Building Works

Controlling Officer : Director of Buildings

Director of Bureau : Secretary for Development

Question :

In respect of dilapidated buildings, please inform this Committee:

- (a) In the past three years (i.e. 2007-08 to 2009-10), on the cases reported by members of the public, what are the number of cases with repair orders issued and the number of cases with buildings classified as dangerous for each year?
- (b) in the past three years (i.e. 2007-08 to 2009-10), of the buildings that have been issued with repair orders, how many did not have an owners' corporation?
- (c) how much manpower is currently deployed in attending to reports from members of the public? What is the estimated amount of resources required in this regard in 2010-11?

Asked by : Hon. CHEUNG Hok-ming

Reply :

- (a) The number of reports from members of the public on dilapidated buildings and the number of statutory repair orders issued by the Buildings Department (BD) in the past three years are as follows :

	2007 (01/01/2007 to 31/12/2007)	2008 (01/01/2008 to 31/12/2008)	2009 (01/01/2009 to 31/12/2009)	Total
Number of reports on dilapidated buildings	8 271	11 337	11 389	30 997
Number of statutory repair orders issued (including building and drainage repair orders) as a result of the reports from the public as well as arising from other operations of the BD	1 083	927	1 143	3 153
Number of demolition orders issued on dangerous buildings	2	2	5	9

- (b) In the past three years, a total of 2 054 buildings were served with statutory building and/or drainage repair orders. According to information available to the BD, 1 139 of these buildings did not have owners' corporations.
- (c) The work arising from the reports by members of the public on dilapidated buildings is mainly handled by 681 professional and technical staff in the Existing Buildings Divisions of BD as part of their overall 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 handling the reports from members of the public on dilapidated buildings.

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