

Examination of Estimates of Expenditure 2010-11

**CONTROLLING OFFICER'S REPLY TO
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Question :

What is the estimated expenditure for handling dilapidated buildings in 2010-11? In this connection, the indicators (including “reports from members of the public attended to” and “repair orders issued”) for the estimate in 2010-11 are lower than the actual figures in 2008 and 2009. What are the reasons?

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Reply :

- (a) The work arising from tackling the problem of dilapidated buildings is mainly handled by 681 professional and technical staff in the Existing Buildings Divisions of the Buildings Department (BD) as part of their overall duties in building safety and maintenance. It is not possible to provide a breakdown of the total expenditure solely for handling dilapidated buildings.
- (b) The estimated number of cases reported from members of the public attended to, repair orders issued for 2010 as well as the actual number of the same items for 2008 and 2009 are as follows:

	2008 (Actual)	2009 (Actual)	2010 (Estimate)
Number of cases reported from members of the public	11 337	11 389	10 000
Number of statutory repair orders issued (including building and drainage repair orders)	927	1 143	870

The number of reports on dilapidated buildings attended to by the BD depends on the actual number of reports received from members of the public, which will fluctuate from time to time. We anticipate that the number of reports received in 2010 will be similar to that in 2009. For estimation purpose, we have adopted the figure of 10 000 for 2010. Such estimate is the same as that for 2009.

In comparison with 2008, the number of statutory repair orders issued in 2009 has increased because of the implementation of Operation Building Bright (OBB) in the second quarter of 2009. Repair orders will continue to be issued in 2010 under the OBB. As a result of the implementation of the OBB, the Co-ordinated Maintenance of Buildings Scheme (CMBS) will cease in 2010 and the number of buildings targeted for the Blitz Operation on Unauthorised Building Works Clearance (BUC) will also decrease. The reduction in issuance of statutory repair orders under the CMBS and the BUC will be partly offset by the increase in issuance of statutory repair orders to be brought about by OBB, and the overall number of statutory repair orders to be issued in 2010 is estimated to be 870.

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