

Examination of Estimates of Expenditure 2010-11

**CONTROLLING OFFICER'S REPLY TO
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Question :

For buildings grouped under the age of 30 to 39, 40 to 49 and 50 or above, in each of the past three years (i.e. 2007 to 2009), how many times has the Government inspected each group of buildings; what is the number of repair orders issued for each group of buildings; and currently, the number of buildings for each age group in each district?

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Reply :

The Buildings Department (BD) carries out inspections of private buildings in Hong Kong, including those aged 30 years or above, through its regular inspection operations and in response to reports on building safety received from members of the public. The Department also has an established programme of regular inspection of pre-war buildings at different intervals according to the condition of individual buildings. The Department does not maintain statistics on the number of inspections for each age group of buildings.

In the past three years, the respective numbers of statutory repair orders issued by the BD on buildings of the relevant age groups are tabulated as follows :

Calendar Year Building Age	2007	2008	2009
	30-39	189	219
40-49	299	298	328
50 and above	260	192	302
Total	748	709	915

The distribution of private buildings under each age group in different districts is as follows :

District	Building Age		
	30-39	40-49	50 and above
Central and Western	1 034	848	500
Wan Chai	588	662	482
Eastern	401	317	283
Southern	692	299	268
Kwun Tong	299	299	9
Sham Shui Po	474	639	518
Yau Tsim Mong	609	1 121	652

Kowloon City	642	656	1 084
Wong Tai Sin	112	234	10
Islands	91	54	18
Tsuen Wan	234	217	10
Sai Kung	529	100	5
Sha Tin	168	49	4
Tai Po	392	35	13
Yuen Long	318	42	66
North	154	193	68
Kwai Tsing	276	39	5
Tuen Mun	175	16	2
Total	7 188	5 820	3 997

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