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Question :

Regarding general repair and maintenance works, how many reports from members of the public on dilapidated buildings were received by the Buildings Department (BD) over each of the past five years? How many of these cases, upon inspections, were confirmed to constitute dangerous or defective conditions? How many orders have been issued by the BD each year on these confirmed cases? What was the average time allowed by these orders for the owners to carry out the investigation, repair or demolition works?

Asked by : Hon. TO Kun-sun, James

Reply :

The number of reports on dilapidated buildings from members of the public attended to by the Buildings Department (BD) in the past five years are as follows:

	2005	2006	2007	2008	2009
Number of reports from members of the public attended to	15 523	10 614	8 271	11 337	11 389

For buildings that have been rendered dangerous or liable to become dangerous, the BD issues statutory orders to require the owners to carry out investigation, repair or demolition of the buildings. The number of such orders issued by the BD in the past five years are as follows:

	2005	2006	2007	2008	2009
Number of repair orders issued	792	999	1 062	905	1 061
Number of investigation orders issued	109	42	21	22	82
Number of demolition orders issued	3	11	2	2	5

The period specified in a statutory order to require the owners to complete the investigation, repair or demolition works depends on the scope and scale of the works required. Under normal circumstances, six months will be allowed for the owners to carry out and complete the works as specified in the orders.

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