

Examination of Estimates of Expenditure 2011-12

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

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Question :

The Government indicates that a new large-scale operation on comprehensive clearance of unauthorised building works on rooftops, flat roofs, yards and lanes of target buildings will be initiated in 2011-12. Will the Government inform this Committee of the number of rooftop structures, the number of occupants and the expenditure to be involved, and the schedule under which the aforesaid operation will be implemented?

Asked by : Hon. CHAN Wai-yip, Albert

Reply :

From 1 April 2011 onwards, the Buildings Department (BD) will initiate a large-scale operation to remove unauthorised building works on rooftops and flat roofs as well as those in yards and lanes in respect of 500 target buildings to be selected each year. The existing resources of 477 professional and technical staff of the Existing Buildings Divisions of the BD together with the additional resources of 124 professional and technical staff proposed for allocation to the Department in 2011-12 will be used for carrying out the aforementioned operation. As the operation is part of the Existing Buildings Divisions' overall duties to implement the Department's building safety and maintenance enforcement programme, it is not possible to provide a breakdown of the expenditure solely for handling the new operation.

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