

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 :

In respect of dilapidated buildings, how much manpower is currently deployed for inspection in attending to reports from members of the public ? What is the estimated amount of resources required in 2011-12 ?

Asked by : Hon. CHEUNG Hok-ming

Reply :

Follow-up work arising from the reports by members of the public on dilapidated buildings is mainly handled by 477 existing professional and technical staff in the Existing Buildings Divisions of the Buildings Department (BD) as part of the Divisions' overall duties to implement the Department's building safety and maintenance enforcement programme. From 1 April 2011 onwards, the BD will, as part of the enforcement programme, initiate a number of large-scale operations and implement a new package of measures to enhance building safety in Hong Kong. The abovementioned existing manpower resources together with 124 additional professional and technical staff proposed for allocation to the Department in 2011-12 will be used for implementing the whole programme. It is not possible to provide a breakdown of the total amount of resources solely for handling the reports from members of the public on dilapidated buildings.

Signature _____

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