

Examination of Estimates of Expenditure 2011-12

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Question :

In 2011-12, the Buildings Department will adopt a revised enforcement policy against unauthorised structures, extending the scope of unauthorised building works subject to immediate enforcement action to those on rooftops, flat roofs, yards and lanes. In this connection, how much additional resources will have to be allocated for conducting the enhanced enforcement actions?

Asked by : Hon. LAU Kin-yee, Miriam

Reply :

From 1 April 2011 onwards, the Buildings Department (BD) will launch large-scale operations to enforce against actionable unauthorised building works including unauthorised structures on rooftops and flat roofs, as well as those in yards and lanes in respect of 500 target buildings 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 additional professional and technical staff proposed for allocation to the Department in 2011-12 will be used to carry out the aforementioned operation as part of the Existing Buildings Divisions' overall duties to implement the Department's building safety and maintenance enforcement programme.

Signature _____

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