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Question :

Will the Administration advise on the amount of resources and number of staff estimated to be involved in the Mandatory Building Inspection Scheme (MBIS) and in the Mandatory Window Inspection Scheme (MWIS)?

Asked by : Hon. LEE Kok-long, Joseph

Reply :

The proposed Mandatory Building Inspection Scheme (MBIS) and Mandatory Window Inspection Scheme (MWIS) are a part of the overall package of measures to enhance building safety in Hong Kong. The Schemes are closely linked with other large-scale operations to be launched by the Buildings Department (BD). For instance, buildings identified with unauthorised building works (UBWs) in the MBIS may be included in large-scale operations for removal of UBWs, while those with poor maintenance identified through inspections/ complaints may be included in the MBIS.

Work arising from the MBIS, MWIS, as well as other building safety and maintenance enforcement programmes, will be handled by the 477 existing professional and technical staff of the Existing Buildings Divisions of the BD together with the 124 additional professional and technical staff proposed for allocation to the Department in 2011-12. It is not possible to provide a breakdown of the total manpower and expenditure solely for handling enforcement work for MBIS and MWIS target buildings.

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