

**CONTROLLING OFFICER'S REPLY TO  
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Question :

Under "Matters Requiring Special Attention in 2011-12", the Administration indicates that three large-scale operations (LSOs) will be initiated. Please advise :

- (a) whether targets have been set for the three new LSOs ;
- (b) the criteria by which the target buildings will be identified ; and
- (c) the number of target buildings in each of the three new LSOs.

Asked by : Hon. LEE Kok-long, Joseph

Reply :

(a) From 1 April 2011 onwards, the Buildings Department (BD) will initiate three types of large-scale operations (LSOs) to: (i) remove actionable unauthorised building works (UBWs) covered under a revised and wider definition, including unauthorised structures on rooftops and flat roofs as well as those in yards and lanes, in respect of 500 target buildings to be selected each year (LSO on UBWs Removal); (ii) inspect and issue repair or investigation orders as necessary to 500 target buildings each year to require repair or remedy of defects or dilapidation found in these buildings (LSO on Repair/Investigation Orders); and (iii) inspect 150 target buildings each year to tackle potential irregularities of building works associated with sub-divided flats (LSO on Sub-divided Flats).

(b) For the three types of LSOs, the selection criteria of target buildings include existence of UBWs on rooftops or flat roofs or UBWs in yards or lanes; building age and signs of building defect and dilapidation; and existence of fire safety or water seepage problems or signs of overloading arising from the building works associated with sub-division of flats.

(c) As mentioned in (a) above, the target for the LSO on UBWs Removal, LSO on Repair/Investigation Orders and LSO on Sub-divided Flats for the financial year 2011-12 are 500, 500 and 150 buildings respectively.

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