

Examination of Estimates of Expenditure 2011-12

**CONTROLLING OFFICER'S REPLY TO
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Question :

For buildings under the age group of 30 to 39, 40 to 49 and 50 or above, how many times has the Government inspected each group of buildings in each of the past three years; what is the number of repair orders issued for each group of buildings; and currently, what is the number of buildings for each age group in each district?

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Reply :

The Buildings Department (BD) carries out inspection of private buildings in Hong Kong, including those aged 30 years or above, through its regular large-scale operations and in response to reports concerning building safety issues received from members of the public. The Department also has an established programme of regular inspection of pre-war buildings at different intervals according to the condition of individual buildings. However, the Department does not maintain statistical breakdown on the number of inspections for each age group of buildings.

In the past three years, the number of statutory repair/investigation orders issued by the BD on buildings of the relevant age group are tabulated as follows :

<u>Calendar Year</u> Building Age	2008	2009	2010
30-39	206	271	243
40-49	307	342	429
50 and above	215	321	1 349
Total	728	934	2 021

The number of private buildings under each age group in each District Council district is as follows :

District	Building Age		
	30-39	40-49	50 and above
Central and Western	975	913	527
Wan Chai	555	681	521
Eastern	413	308	299
Southern	741	319	282
Kwun Tong	311	330	13
Sham Shui Po	476	617	554
Yau Tsim Mong	616	1 107	714
Kowloon City	635	633	1 145
Wong Tai Sin	90	258	13
Islands	196	57	20
Tsuen Wan	206	247	29
Sai Kung	710	124	5
Sha Tin	200	56	5
Tai Po	555	52	15
Yuen Long	504	56	68
North	153	197	75
Kwai Tsing	286	57	5
Tuen Mun	223	20	3
Total	7 845	6 032	4 293

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