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Question :

Under the large-scale operations to be launched by the Buildings Department in 2011-12, it is estimated that 1 320 sub-divided flats will be inspected and 100 of them will be rectified of irregularities associated with the works. How much manpower will be deployed by the Department to handle this task, and what will be the number of inspections in each district?

Asked by : Hon. LEE Wai-king, Starry

Reply :

From 1 April 2011 onwards, the Buildings Department (BD) will launch a special operation to inspect 150 target buildings each year to tackle potential irregularities of building works associated with sub-divided flats, in addition to attending to individual reports and complaints concerning such cases. It is estimated that 1 320 sub-divided flats will be inspected each year in the special operation and 100 of them will require rectification of irregularities. The existing resources of 477 professional and technical staff of the Existing Buildings Divisions of the BD together with the additional resources of 124 professional and technical staff proposed for allocation to the Department in 2011-12 will be used for carrying out the aforementioned operation. The BD is working out the details of its inspection plans, taking into account the scope and coverage of other types of large-scale operations to be launched by the Department. The BD will arrange to first inspect target buildings in districts and areas where sub-division of flats is known to be a common phenomenon. The estimated number of inspections in each district is not available at this stage.

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