

Examination of Estimates of Expenditure 2011-12

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Question :

In 2011-12, the Administration will initiate a number of large-scale operations, including the comprehensive clearance of unauthorised building works on rooftops, flat roofs, yards and lanes of target buildings, the inspection of dilapidated buildings to issue statutory orders and the inspection of sub-divided flats in target buildings. How much manpower will be required and what are the estimated expenditures for the aforesaid operations?

Asked by : Hon. WONG Kwok-hing

Reply :

From 1 April 2011 onwards, the Buildings Department (BD) will initiate a number of large-scale operations to : (a) remove unauthorised building works on rooftops and flat roofs, as well as those in yards and lanes in respect of 500 target buildings each year; (b) inspect and issue repair or investigation orders as necessary to 500 target buildings each year to require repair or remedy of defects or dilapidation in the buildings; and (c) inspect 150 target buildings each year to tackle potential irregularities of building works associated with sub-divided flats. 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 responsible for carrying out the aforementioned operations. As the operations are part of the Existing Buildings Divisions' overall duties to implement the Department's building safety and maintenance enforcement programme, it is not possible to provide a breakdown of the manpower solely for handling the operations and the expenditures involved.

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