

**CONTROLLING OFFICER'S REPLY TO
INITIAL WRITTEN QUESTION**

Head: 82 Buildings Department

Subhead (No. & title):

Programme: Buildings and Building Works

Controlling Officer: Director of Buildings

Director of Bureau: Secretary for Development

Question:

In 2011, the Administration originally planned to include 300 target buildings under Operation Building Bright and 500 target buildings for inspection. Why was it that the actual numbers in 2011 were only 229 and 355 buildings respectively?

Asked by: Hon. CHAN Kam-lam

Reply:

For Operation Building Bright (OBB), we carried out repair and maintenance works for 229 buildings, or 76% of the original target, in 2011. This was due to the slippage in the Buildings Department (BD)'s repair programme for OBB target buildings in 2011 as a result of the longer than expected time taken to arrange for tendering and appointment of new term contractors, and to recruit staff for the OBB team. The BD would continue to endeavour to carry out repair works for the OBB target buildings under its purview.

The Large Scale Operation (LSO) on inspection of dilapidated buildings has commenced since April 2011. Therefore, the planned number of target buildings for inspection in 2011 was three quarters, or 375 buildings, of the annual target of 500. The BD had inspected 355 buildings under this LSO from 1 April to end December 2011, which is 95% of the planned target of 375 buildings.

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