

**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:

The Administration has set the target number of buildings of 2 000, 5 800 and 200 per year for mandatory building inspection, mandatory window inspection and rectification of irregularities associated with sub-divided flats respectively. But why is the planned number of buildings for 2012 set at 1 500, 4 350 and 187 only?

Asked by: Hon. CHAN Kam-lam

Reply:

The numbers of target buildings under the Mandatory Building Inspection Scheme (MBIS) and the Mandatory Window Inspection Scheme (MWIS) are 2 000 and 5 800 per year respectively, which are the whole year figures when the two Schemes are fully implemented. The two Schemes are scheduled for full implementation in the second quarter of 2012, hence the planned numbers of target buildings under the MBIS and the MWIS for 2012 are three quarters of the annual target, i.e. 1 500 and 4 350 respectively.

A large scale operation to inspect 150 target buildings per year for rectification of irregularities of building works associated with sub-divided flats has commenced since 1 April 2011. The operation will be enhanced by increasing the number of target buildings to be inspected to 200 per year starting from 1 April 2012. The number of buildings to be inspected from January to March 2012 is one quarter of the annual target of 150 buildings and the planned number of target buildings to be inspected from April to December 2012 is three quarters of the annual target of 200 buildings. The total planned number of target buildings for 2012 is therefore 187.

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