

**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:

It is said in the Programme that the Buildings Department will fully implement the Mandatory Building Inspection Scheme (MBIS) and the Mandatory Window Inspection Scheme (MWIS), targeting in each year 2 000 buildings aged 30 years or above which require mandatory inspection and, if necessary, repair of the buildings; and 5 800 buildings aged ten years or above which require mandatory inspection and, if necessary, repair of windows. Will the Government advise this Committee whether the selection of buildings for mandatory building and window inspection has been finalised? When will the owners be notified? What is the specific time frame for implementing the schemes?

Asked by: Hon. CHAN Kin-por

Reply:

The Mandatory Building Inspection Scheme (MBIS) and Mandatory Window Inspection Scheme (MWIS) are planned for full implementation in the second quarter of 2012. The selection of target buildings for the two schemes will be conducted at quarterly intervals. A selection panel comprising representatives from the Buildings Department (BD), Hong Kong Housing Society, building professional institutes, property management associations and District Councils is being formed to advise on the selection of target buildings according to a set of selection criteria. Nominations for the first quarterly batch of the target buildings are underway for submission to the selection panel for consideration. Upon confirmation of this first batch of target buildings, the BD will issue pre-notification letters to the respective owners in the second quarter of 2012 to advise them that their buildings have been selected for the MBIS and the MWIS. The statutory notices will be issued in the second half of 2012.

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Post Title Director of Buildings

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