

**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:

Will the Government advise how much expenditure the Buildings Department has set aside for enhancing the large scale operation on inspection of sub-divided flats in more target buildings to rectify the irregularities of building works associated with sub-divided flats? What is the change in expenditure when compared to 2011-12? What are the planned districts comprising the target buildings, and the anticipated number of flats, amount of manpower involved and results?

Asked by: Hon. CHAN Mo-po, Paul

Reply:

A large scale operation (LSO) to inspect 150 target buildings per year for rectification of irregularities of building works associated with sub-divided flats has been launched since 1 April 2011. The operation will be enhanced by increasing the number of target buildings to be inspected to 200 buildings, involving an estimated number of 1 600 sub-divided flats, per year starting from 1 April 2012. The existing resources for 488 professional and technical staff of the two Existing Buildings Divisions and the Mandatory Building Inspection Division of the Buildings Department (BD), together with the additional resources for 12 professional and technical staff to be allocated to the Department in 2012-13, will be deployed to carry out the aforementioned operation. As the LSO is part of the overall duties of the concerned Divisions of the BD to implement its building safety and maintenance enforcement programme, we are not able to provide a breakdown of the manpower and expenditure solely for handling this operation.

