

**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 Government indicates that the large scale operation (LSO) on comprehensive clearance of unauthorised building works on rooftops of target buildings will be continued in 2012-13. Will the Government inform this Committee of the number of rooftop structures removed in 2011-12, the number of occupants and amount of expenditure involved, and the number of rooftop structures planned to be removed in 2012-13?

Asked by: Hon. CHAN Wai-yip, Albert

Reply:

The large scale operation (LSO) to inspect 500 target buildings per year for removal of unauthorised building works (UBWs) on rooftops and flat roofs as well as those in yards and lanes commenced in April 2011 and will continue in 2012-13. As the survey of the target buildings for 2011-12 to identify actionable UBWs is in progress and the list of target buildings for 2012-13 has yet to be finalised, the number of unauthorised rooftop structures involved and the number of affected occupants are not available at this stage.

The LSO will be carried out using the existing resources for 488 professional and technical staff of the two Existing Buildings Divisions and the Mandatory Building Inspection Division as part of the Divisions' overall duties to implement the Department's building safety and maintenance enforcement programme. We are not able to provide a breakdown of the resources solely for handling the LSO.

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Name in block letters \_\_\_\_\_ AU Choi-kai

Post Title \_\_\_\_\_ Director of Buildings

Date \_\_\_\_\_ 28.2.2012