

**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 number of buildings targeted for rectification of irregularities associated with sub-divided flats will increase to 200 per year as from 2012. Please provide the relevant estimated expenditure for the 2012-13 financial year and the expenditure in the past two financial years (2010-11 and 2011-12).

Asked by: Hon. HO Chung-tai, Raymond

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 per year starting from 1 April 2012. As the LSO is part of the overall duties of the two Existing Buildings Divisions and the Mandatory Building Inspection Division of the Buildings Department to implement its building safety and maintenance enforcement programme, we are not able to provide a breakdown of the manpower solely for handling this operation.

Signature _____

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AU Choi-kai

Post Title _____

Director of Buildings

Date _____

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