

**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 planned that the number of buildings targeted for removal of unauthorised rooftop structures will be 500 in 2012, which is a substantial decrease from the actual number of 781 in 2011. Please inform this Committee:

- (a) What is the reason for the decrease under the plan? Is it due to lack of manpower or difficulties in taking enforcement?
- (b) For the 781 buildings with unauthorised rooftop structures actually handled in 2011, what are the details of their distribution in the District Council districts?
- (c) For the 500 buildings planned to be handled in 2012, what are the details of their distribution in the urban areas and the New Territories?

Asked by: Hon. HO Sau-lan, Cyd

Reply:

- (a) A 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. The planned number of target buildings for the period from April to December 2011 is three quarters of the annual target, i.e. 375. The actual number of target buildings inspected during the 9-month period was 371.

In addition, with the time-limited resources allocated to the Buildings Department (BD) in 2006-07, a special operation was launched in 2011 to assist owners of some 410 old industrial buildings to improve the condition of their buildings by taking enforcement action against the unauthorised structures on rooftops, flat roofs and

yards constituting safety hazard or environmental nuisance. As a result, the total number of target buildings handled in 2011 was 781. The above special operation will not be launched in 2012. The planned number of target buildings for 2012 is therefore the annual target of the LSO, i.e. 500.

- (b) The distribution of the 781 buildings handled by BD in 2011 by District Council district is as follows :-

<b>District</b>	<b>Nos. of Target Buildings</b>
Central & Western	45
Wan Chai	34
Eastern	51
Southern	46
Yau Tsim Mong	100
Sham Shui Po	88
Kowloon City	79
Wong Tai Sin	46
Kwun Tong	128
Tsuen Wan	25
Tuen Mun	0
Yuen Long	4
Kwai Tsing	23
Islands	2
North	22
Tai Po	28
Sai Kung	12
Sha Tin	48
Total	781

- (c) For the LSO in 2012, the list of target buildings is being finalised.

Signature \_\_\_\_\_

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