

**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 inspection and issue of repair/investigation orders” by the Buildings Department (BD) is 500 per year. The actual number of buildings inspected in 2011 was 355. In this connection, will the Government inform this Committee of:

- (a) the reason that the BD did not meet the target;
- (b) the details of the resources and manpower involved in the operation; and
- (c) the distribution by district and the age of the 355 buildings actually inspected, the number of repair/investigation orders issued, the number of cases that repair works had been carried out in compliance with the orders and the number of outstanding cases in 2011?

Asked by: Hon. LAM Tai-fai

Reply:

- (a) The large scale operation to inspect 500 target dilapidated buildings per year and to issue repair/investigation orders as necessary commenced in April 2011. 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 355, which is roughly in line with the target. The Buildings Department (BD) will continue its endeavour to carry out the operation with a view to meeting the annual target.

- (b) The operation was handled by the existing resources for 374 professional and technical staff of the two Existing Buildings Divisions of the BD as part of their overall duties to implement the Department's building safety and maintenance enforcement programme. We are not able to provide a breakdown of the manpower and expenditure solely for handling this operation.
- (c) The distribution of the 355 target buildings by district and building age is as follows:

Building Age District	10 to 19 years	20 to 29 years	Total
Central and West	10	46	56
Wan Chai	10	11	21
Eastern	14	36	50
Southern	0	3	3
Kwun Tong	0	3	3
Sham Shui Po	9	16	25
Kowloon City	7	22	29
Yau Tsim Mong	47	53	100
Wong Tai Sin	5	3	8
Kwai Tsing	4	0	4
North	1	8	9
Sha Tin	0	11	11
Tai Po	0	1	1
Tsuen Wan	0	10	10
Tuen Mun	0	8	8
Yuen Long	3	14	17
Total	110	245	355

The survey and inspection of the target buildings have just been completed. The BD is now assessing and analysing the results of the survey and inspection, and will issue repair/investigation orders to the owners of the target buildings as necessary.

Signature _____

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Post Title _____ Director of Buildings

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