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Question:

In the previous year, the Buildings Department completed a special operation of inspecting some 3 700 buildings with cantilevered slab canopies. Was the operation carried out by visual inspections only? Were the inspections conducted by outsourced contractors? What was the expenditure involved?

Asked by: Hon. LAU Wong-fat

Reply:

The special operation to inspect some 3 700 private buildings with cantilevered slab canopies (CSC) was carried out by in-house staff of the Buildings Department (BD) primarily by visual inspection to assess the conditions, and state of repair and maintenance of the CSC. Where more detailed investigation and repair were considered necessary, follow-up action had been taken with the issue of investigation and repair orders to the owners concerned. The special operation was handled by 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 expenditure involved solely for handling the special operation.

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