

**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:

Regarding the buildings selected for repair and maintenance under the Operation Building Bright, will the Administration advise this Committee of the following:

- (a) What are the reasons that the actual figures did not meet the target in both 2010 and 2011. Of the reasons, are staffing or resources involved? If so, what are the details? Will additional resources be allocated to achieve the target?
- (b) Has assessment been made on the number of target buildings which are eligible but not yet selected? Will the Administration set a timetable for the remaining target buildings? If yes, what are the details, and the resources and staffing involved?

Asked by: Hon. LEE Kok-long, Joseph

Reply:

- (a) Under Operation Building Bright (OBB), it was the Buildings Department (BD)'s annual target to carry out repair and maintenance works for some 300 target buildings. The BD carried out repair and maintenance works for 286 and 229 target buildings in 2010 and 2011 respectively, i.e. around 95% and 76% respectively of the annual target. The shortfall in the number of target buildings repaired in 2011 was due to the slippage in BD's repair programme for OBB target buildings as a result of the longer than expected time taken to arrange for tendering and appointment of new term contractors, and to recruit staff for the OBB team. Nevertheless, the BD would continue to endeavour to carry out repair works for the OBB target buildings under its purview as early as possible.

- (b) OBB covers two categories of buildings, namely Category 1 and Category 2 target buildings. Category 1 target buildings are those with owners' corporations (OCs) which are prepared to carry out repair works on a voluntary basis. The OCs are required to make applications to participate in OBB. Applications under this category of buildings closed on 24 December 2010. Category 2 target buildings are those having difficulties in coordinating repair works, such as buildings without OCs. Owners of such buildings are not required to make applications and their buildings are selected by the Steering Committee of OBB comprising representatives from the BD, Hong Kong Housing Society and Urban Renewal Authority. We do not have information on the number of buildings that are eligible but have not applied (i.e. Category 1 target buildings) or have not been selected (i.e. Category 2 target buildings) to participate in OBB. In 2012, the BD will continue to identify eligible buildings as OBB Category 2 target buildings. It is estimated that about 500 buildings requiring assistance in carrying out repair works will be identified. The existing resources of 36 professional and technical staff of BD's OBB teams will handle the repair and maintenance works for about 300 buildings in 2012.

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