

**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 removal of unauthorised roof structures in 2011 substantially exceeds that of the original target. Will the Administration inform this Committee of the reason for the substantial increase? Besides, has there been additional manpower and resources involved in handling the increased number of target buildings? If yes, what are the details?

Asked by: Hon. LEE Kok-long, Joseph

Reply:

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, which is roughly in line with the target. 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 by the BD 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.

