

**CONTROLLING OFFICER'S REPLY TO
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Head: 82 Buildings Department

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Question:

Regarding the buildings targeted for rectification of irregularities associated with sub-divided flats, will the Administration advise this Committee of the following:

- (a) List the number of buildings targeted in 2011 by district;
- (b) List the planned number of buildings to be targeted in 2012 by district; and
- (c) In addition, are there any districts targeted or prioritised for inspection in the operation? If yes, what are the details?

Asked by: Hon. LEE Kok-long, Joseph

Reply:

- (a) A large scale operation (LSO) to inspect 150 target buildings per year for rectification of irregularities of building works associated with sub-divided flats has been launched since 1 April 2011. During the nine months from April to December 2011, a total of 116 target buildings were inspected. The distribution of these 116 target buildings on geographical basis is as follows:

| District | No of target buildings |
|-------------------|-------------------------------|
| Central & Western | 12 |
| Wan Chai | 11 |
| Eastern | 13 |
| Southern | 4 |
| Kowloon City | 16 |
| Kwun Tong | 6 |
| Sham Shui Po | 12 |

| District | No of target buildings |
|-----------------|-------------------------------|
| Wong Tai Sin | 2 |
| Yau Tsim Mong | 17 |
| North | 3 |
| Sha Tin | 4 |
| Kwai Tsing | 4 |
| Tsuen Wan | 4 |
| Tuen Mun | 4 |
| Yuen Long | 4 |
| Total | 116 |

(b)&(c) In 2012-13, additional resources will be provided to the Buildings Department (BD) to strengthen its enforcement work and these include increasing the number of target buildings to be inspected under the LSO to 200 per year starting from 1 April 2012. Furthermore, taking into account the fire risk that may be brought about by adjacent hawker stalls to those old domestic or composite buildings situated in the vicinity of hawker stalls, the BD will adjust the strategy of its enforcement action by selecting such buildings as target buildings for the LSO in 2012. So far, 339 such buildings have been identified and the list is still being finalised. The geographical breakdown of these 339 buildings is as follows –

| District | Number of buildings |
|---------------------|----------------------------|
| Central and Western | 28 |
| Wan Chai | 13 |
| Eastern | 26 |
| Kowloon City | 3 |
| Sham Shui Po | 137 |
| Yau Tsim Mong | 132 |
| Total | 339 |

Signature _____

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