

**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:

Since April 2011, the Buildings Department has extended the scope of actionable unauthorised building works (UBWs) for enforcement action to cover UBWs on rooftops, podiums, yards and lanes. Please advise:

- (a) How many target buildings have been inspected so far? How many cases of irregularities of building works were found during inspection? What was the nature of the irregularities? How many statutory orders have been issued? What is the progress of the follow-up action?
- (b) To speed up the progress of inspection, will the Administration allocate more manpower for inspection? If yes, what are the details? If no, what are the reasons?

Asked by: Hon. LEE Wai-king, Starry

Reply:

- (a) The Buildings Department (BD) has implemented the revised enforcement policy against unauthorised building works (UBWs) since April 2011 by expanding the scope of actionable UBWs to include UBWs on rooftops, flat roofs as well as those in yards and lanes of private buildings. In this connection, a large scale operation (LSO) to inspect 500 target buildings per year for removal of these actionable UBWs 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. As the survey of the target buildings

to identify the actionable UBWs is still in progress, the number and nature of UBWs and the number of statutory orders to be issued are not available at this stage. The BD will continue to take follow-up actions on the target buildings, including the issuance of removal orders as necessary.

- (b) The LSO will be carried out using the existing resources for 488 professional and technical staff of the two Existing Buildings Divisions and the Mandatory Building Inspection Division of the BD as part of the Divisions' overall duties to implement the Department's building safety and maintenance enforcement programme.

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