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Question:

Regarding buildings aged 30 to 39 years, 40 to 49 years and 50 years or above, what is the number of inspections conducted by the Government for each age group of buildings in each of the past three years? What is the number of repair orders issued for each group of buildings; and currently, what is the number of buildings for each age group in each district?

Asked by: Hon. LEE Wai-king, Starry

Reply:

The Buildings Department (BD) carries out inspections of private buildings, including those aged 30 years or above, through its regular large scale operations and in response to reports concerning building safety issues received from members of the public and the media. The Department also has an established programme of regular inspection of pre-war buildings at different intervals according to the conditions of individual buildings. However, the Department does not keep statistics on the number of inspections for buildings of different age groups.

In the past three years, the numbers of statutory repair/investigation orders issued by the BD on buildings of different age groups are tabulated as follows :

<u>Year</u>	2009	2010	2011
<u>Building Age</u>			
30-39	258	222	110
40-49	337	430	223
50 and above	353	1 386	309
Total	948	2 038	642

The distribution of private buildings under different age groups in each district is as follows :

District	Building Age		
	30-39	40-49	50 and above
Central and Western	929	980	555
Wan Chai	531	723	539
Eastern	435	302	327
Southern	762	327	310
Kwun Tong	292	347	26
Sham Shui Po	443	620	605
Yau Tsim Mong	593	1 053	829
Kowloon City	604	637	1 184
Wong Tai Sin	95	261	22
Islands	386	64	20
Tsuen Wan	190	249	62
Sai Kung	753	152	7
Sha Tin	233	77	7
Tai Po	612	73	16
Yuen Long	570	83	68
North	155	181	99
Kwai Tsing	307	91	5
Tuen Mun	344	23	5
Total	8 234	6 243	4 686

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