

**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 Minor Works Control System, please provide the following information:

- a) The Buildings Department approved the registration of some 9 800 minor works contractors in 2011. Please list out the information concerned in the table below:

Class/Status	Class I	Class I (Provisional)	Class II	Class II (Provisional)	Class III	Class III (Provisional)	Individual
Applications received							
Applications approved							
Applications rejected							
Applications withdrawn							
Applications being processed							

- b) Regarding the top-up courses organised for those in the industry to tie in with the registration of minor works contractors, please list out the information concerned in the table below:

Class/Status	Class I	Class II	Class III
Number of applicants			
Number of applicants who have completed the courses and received the certificates			
Number of applicants not admitted			
Number of applicants who have dropped out			
Number of applicants currently attending the courses			

- c) Regarding the minor works submissions received, please list out the information concerning minor works items in the table below.

Class/Status	Class I	Class II	Class III
Number of applications received			
Number of applications processed			
Number of applications being processed			

Asked by: Hon. LI Fung-ying

Reply:

- a) The information on applications for registration as Registered Minor Works Contractors (RMWCs) in 2011 is as follows:

Class/Status	Class I	Class I (Provisional)	Class II	Class II (Provisional)	Class III	Class III (Provisional)	Class III (Individual)
Applications received	1 224	1 775	1 548	2 477	48	81	4 615
Applications approved	266	1 796	884	2 487	22	38	4 275
Applications rejected	12	1	-	1	-	-	-
Applications withdrawn	13	212	17	288	-	-	60
Applications being processed	967	997	1 004	1 002	39	62	962

Note: As there is a lapse of time between receipt of an application and completion of processing of the application, the total number of applications approved and rejected in 2011, together with the number of cases being processed as at 31 December 2011, may not necessarily be equal to the number of applications received in the same year.

- b) Both the top-up courses for Classes I and II RMWC applicants and the compulsory training courses for Class III RMWC applicants are provided by four training institutes, namely the Construction Industry Council Training Academy, the Hong Kong Institute of Vocational Education, the Industrial Centre of the Hong Kong Polytechnic University and the School of Professional and Continuing Education of the University of Hong Kong. The requested information of these courses during the period from their respective launch dates in 2009 up to 31 December 2011 is as follows:

Class/Status	Class I	Class II	Class III
Number of applicants	No such information kept by the Buildings Department (BD)		
Number of applicants who have completed the courses and received the certificates	13 682	345	22 074
Number of applicants not admitted	No such information kept by the BD		
Number of applicants who have dropped out	No such information kept by the BD		
Number of applicants currently attending the courses	2 008	2	177

- c) Under the Minor Works Control System, no application for prior approval and consent from the Building Authority is needed for carrying out the minor works. Contractors who wish to carry out Class I or Class II items are only required to submit notifications (together with the necessary documents) to the BD not less than seven days before the commencement, and within 14 days after the completion of works. As for Class III items, contractors are required to submit notifications (together with the necessary documents) to the BD within 14 days after the completion of works. The numbers of Classes I, II and III minor works submissions received by the BD in 2011 were 1 166, 26 465 and 12 431 respectively.

Signature _____

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Post Title Director of Buildings

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