

**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:

It is mentioned under Matters Requiring Special Attention that a large scale operation will be launched for removal of unauthorised building works in New Territories Exempted Houses (NTEHs) that constitute serious contravention of the law and pose higher potential risks to building safety. Will the Government inform this Committee:

- (a) When will the operation be expected to commence in 2012-13? Before commencing the operation, will there be thorough communication with the parties concerned and Heung Yee Kuk New Territories so that the operation can be smoothly implemented?
- (b) What is the estimated number of NTEHs targeted for inspection under the operation? How much manpower will be involved in the operation and inspections?
- (c) What is the estimated number of NTEHs in the New Territories currently? What is the expected time for completing all the inspections and demolition work?
- (d) Regarding the operation, is there any training provided by the Department for frontline staff? Are there discussions held with the staff and staff associations so that arrangement can be made to safeguard the staff during the operation?

Asked by: Hon. PAN Pey-chyou

Reply:

