

**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:

According to the Buildings Department, the number of buildings targeted for rectification of irregularities associated with sub-divided flats will increase from 150/year to 200/year as from 2012. Yet, the actual number of buildings targeted for such work in 2011 was only 116 and the planned number of buildings targeted for such work in 2012 is 187. In this connection,

- (a) please explain the reasons for the Buildings Department's failure to meet this performance target for two consecutive years with a breakdown of the provision and manpower deployed for the work for 2011-12 and 2012-13; and
- (b) whether it has enhanced measures to meet the performance target.

Asked by: Hon. SHEK Lai-him, Abraham

Reply:

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. The planned number of buildings to be inspected during the nine-month period from April to December 2011 is therefore three quarters of the annual target of 150 buildings (i.e. around 110 buildings). The Buildings Department (BD) had inspected 116 buildings in 2011 and fully met the target.

In 2012-13, additional resources will be provided to the BD to strengthen its enforcement work and this includes increasing the number of target buildings to be inspected under the LSO to 200 per year starting from 1 April 2012. The planned number of buildings to be inspected from January to March 2012 is thus one quarter of the annual target of 150 buildings, while the planned number of buildings to be inspected from April to December 2012 is three quarters of the annual target of 200 buildings. The total planned number of target buildings for 2012 is therefore 187.

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