

**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 Administration, it is estimated that 1 600 sub-divided flats will be inspected, the irregularities associated with 100 sub-divided flats will be rectified and 200 target buildings will be handled in 2012. What is the estimated expenditure and manpower involved?

Please list, by District Council district, the number of buildings targeted by the Administration this year.

Asked by: Hon. WONG Yuk-man

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 operation will be enhanced by increasing the number of target buildings to be inspected to 200 per year starting from 1 April 2012. The existing resources for 488 professional and technical staff of the two Existing Buildings Divisions and the Mandatory Building Inspection Division of the Buildings Department (BD), together with the additional resources for 12 additional professional and technical staff to be allocated to the Department in 2012-13, will be deployed to carry out the aforementioned operation. As the LSO is part of the overall duties of the concerned Divisions of the BD to implement its building safety and maintenance enforcement programme, we are not able to provide a breakdown of the manpower solely for handling this operation.

