

**CONTROLLING OFFICER'S REPLY TO
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Question:

Among the indicators under this Programme, there were 6 097 fire safety directions (FSDns) issued to composite buildings in 2012 and only 1 875 of them were discharged. Regarding 2012, please list out:

- (1) the number of FSDns involving composite buildings in each of the District Council districts;
- (2) the number of FSDns that were complied with in each district;
- (3) the number of FSDns that were not complied with in each district; and
- (4) the reasons that the FSDns were not complied with, and the number of FSDns concerned?

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Reply:

(1) – (3)

The numbers of fire safety directions (FSDns) issued by the Buildings Department (BD) to composite buildings, FSDns that were discharged and not yet discharged in 2012 are tabulated below:

District	No. of FSDns issued in 2012	No. of FSDns discharged in 2012*	No. of FSDns issued in 2012 that have not yet been discharged
Central & Western	471	175	458
Wan Chai	410	235	389
Eastern	580	138	572
Southern	37	32	37
Yau Tsim Mong	1 692	402	1 662
Sham Shui Po	1 277	364	1 247
Kowloon City	1 100	295	1 084
Wong Tai Sin	59	54	58
Kwun Tong	191	22	189
Tsuen Wan	109	61	96
Tuen Mun	3	12	3
Yuen Long	41	47	40
North	35	15	34
Tai Po	39	12	38
Sai Kung	0	0	0
Shatin	26	0	26
Island	0	0	0
Kwai Tsing	27	11	27
Total	6 097	1 875	5 960

* Some FSDns were issued prior to 2012 but discharged in 2012.

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The main reasons for the low discharge rate for FSDns issued in 2012 are as below:-

- (i) A period of one year is specified in the FSDns for the owners to comply with the FSDns so as to allow them sufficient time in carrying out the required fire safety improvement works.
- (ii) Owners' Corporations (OCs) may not have been formed in some buildings. It takes time for owners to form an OC to co-ordinate the fire safety improvement works in the common parts of the buildings.

- (iii) Some owners/OCs might prefer to carry out the fire safety improvement works together with other building maintenance works in one go, hence they need more time to complete the exercise.
- (iv) Some owners have taken time to prepare alternative proposals for the fire safety improvement works required in the FSDns due to practical difficulties encountered in carrying out the required works.

The BD has not kept record on the reasons for FSDns yet to be discharged and the corresponding number of FSDns involved.

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