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Question:

In 2012, the Buildings Department instigated 2 104 prosecutions against failure to comply with removal orders on unauthorised building works in existing buildings. What are the respective percentages that these prosecutions constitute in all the cases related to failure to comply with removal orders and in all the cases for investigation?

Asked by: Hon. LAU Wong-fat

Reply:

In 2012, the Buildings Department (BD) issued 12 292 removal orders against unauthorised building works (UBWs) and instigated 2 104 prosecutions against failure to comply with removal orders for UBWs. As the prosecutions instigated in 2012 are not necessarily related to those removal orders issued in 2012, we cannot provide the percentage of prosecutions over the number of cases of removal orders not being complied with. In fact, upon the issue of a removal order, the BD will take various actions to demand compliance by the owners. In case the owners encounter genuine difficulties in arranging the works, an extension of time may be granted to allow more time for compliance.

The BD received 43 881 reports on UBWs in 2012 but does not keep statistics on the number of UBWs cases under investigation.

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