

**CONTROLLING OFFICER'S REPLY TO  
INITIAL WRITTEN QUESTION**

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Question:

In the past five years (i.e. 2008-09 to 2012-13), how many criminal investigations were conducted and summonses served in prosecutions instigated by the Buildings Department against cases of unauthorised building works suspected to be contravening the Buildings Ordinance (Cap.123)? Please provide the number(s) in each year.

Asked by: Hon. LEONG Kah-kit, Alan

Reply:

In the past five years, the numbers of summonses served in prosecutions under the Buildings Ordinance (BO) instigated by the Buildings Department (BD) against cases of unauthorised building works (UBWs) are as follows:

<b>Year</b>	<b>No. of summonses served in prosecutions</b>
2008-09	3 304
2009-10	2 710
2010-11	2 674
2011-12	2 212
2012-13*	2 088

\* figures as at 28 February 2013

The BD had conducted investigation in every case above before instigating prosecution under the BO. However, the BD does not keep statistics on the total number of cases where criminal investigations had been conducted.

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