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Question:

In 2011, 2012 and 2013, what were the manpower and expenditure allocated each year by the Buildings Department for the inspection of sub-divided flats in target buildings and rectification of unauthorised building works associated with the flats?

Asked by: Hon. TIEN Pei-chun, James

Reply:

The large scale operation (LSO) to inspect 150 target buildings per year for rectification of irregularities of building works associated with sub-divided flats (SDFs) was first commenced in April 2011 (it should be noted that not all SDFs have irregularities of building works). The operation was enhanced in April 2012 by increasing the target to inspect 200 buildings per year, including 30 industrial buildings. The strategy of this operation was adjusted by taking into account the fire risk that might be brought about by hawker stalls when choosing the target buildings for the operation in 2012. As a result, 339 old style domestic and composite buildings in the vicinity of hawker stalls were selected, in addition to 30 industrial buildings.

Since 2011, the LSO has been carried out using the existing resources of 493 professional and technical staff of the two Existing Buildings Divisions and the Mandatory Building Inspection Division of the Buildings Department (BD) as part of their overall duties to implement the BD's building safety and maintenance enforcement programme. We are thus not able to provide a breakdown of the manpower or expenditure involved solely for handling the LSO.

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