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Head: 82 Buildings Department Subhead (No. & title):

Programme: Buildings and Building Works

Controlling Officer: Director of Buildings

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Question:

In respect of the Minor Works Control System, the number of minor works submissions received has been reported in 2011 and 2012. Will the Government advise on the number of staff and cost assigned to work on the Minor Works Control System in 2012-13 and 2013-14?

Asked by: Hon. TSE Wai-chuen, Tony

Reply:

The work associated with the implementation of the Minor Works Control System (MWCS) is mainly handled by the existing resources of 70 professional, technical and clerical staff of the Registration Unit and Minor Works Unit of the Buildings Department (BD) as part of their overall duties in the registration of building professionals and contractors as well as processing minor works submissions. Staff from the New Buildings Divisions, the Existing Buildings Divisions, the Mandatory Building Inspection Division and the Legal Services Section of the BD are also involved in carrying out audit checks on minor works as well as dealing with prosecutions and disciplinary proceedings arising from related enforcement work. We are thus not able to provide a breakdown of the manpower and cost involved solely for the MWCS in 2012-13 and 2013-14.

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