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Question:

The Buildings Department (BD) has set an annual target to inspect sub-divided flats in 200 buildings per year since April 2011. The actual number of target buildings inspected by the BD in 2012 was 369. In this connection, please advise:

1. Among the target buildings in the operation, what are the number of target buildings not yet inspected and the percentage they constitute in the total number of target buildings?
2. Under the inspection plan this year; which three District Council districts share the largest number of target buildings?
3. What types of information will be recorded by staff of the BD in the operation, and what are the reasons for not recording the number of occupants?

Asked by: Hon. WONG Yuk-man

Reply:

1. 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. From April 2011 to February 2013, a total of 485 target buildings have been inspected with 2 587 SDFs identified.

2. We are still finalising the list of target buildings for the LSO in 2013. The Buildings Department (BD) is therefore not able to provide the distribution of target buildings at this stage.
3. Under the LSO, staff of the BD would record the details of the irregularities of building works found in the SDFs concerned. The number of families and occupants living in the concerned SDFs would also be recorded for cases where the concerned SDFs would be vacated and the occupants would likely be facing re-housing problems. The same would also be recorded for occupants in SDFs in industrial buildings who apply for the "Relocation Allowance for Occupants Required to Move out of Sub-divided Units in Industrial Buildings" under the Community Care Fund.

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