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Question:

Regarding the buildings targeted for rectification of irregularities of building works associated with sub-divided flats, please advise:

- a) the number of buildings targeted in 2012 in each district;
- b) the planned number of buildings targeted in 2013 in each district; and
- c) the assessment, if any, of the remaining number of buildings with sub-divided flats in Hong Kong. If assessment has been made, what are the details? If not, what are the reasons?

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Reply:

- a) The large scale operation (LSO) to inspect 150 target buildings per year for rectification of irregularities of buildings 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. For the 369 target buildings under the LSO in 2012, their distribution on geographical basis is as follows:-

District	No. of target buildings
Central & Western	28
Wan Chai	13
Eastern	26
Kowloon City	6
Kwun Tong	3
Sham Shui Po	137
Wong Tai Sin	7
Yau Tsim Mong	138
Sha Tin	2
Kwai Tsing	4
Tsuen Wan	3
Tuen Mun	2
Total	369

- b) We are still finalising the list of target buildings for the LSO in 2013. The Buildings Department (BD) is not able to provide the distribution of target buildings at this stage.
- c) As the BD has not conducted any territory-wide survey on SDFs, we are not able to provide an assessment on the number of buildings with SDFs in Hong Kong.

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