

**CONTROLLING OFFICER'S REPLY TO
SUPPLEMENTARY QUESTION**

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

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Controlling Officer: Director of Buildings

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Question:

Pursuant to reply no. DEVB(PL)095, the Administration is requested to provide information on the strategy that would be adopted to step up clearance of large unauthorized signboards, and the staffing and financial resources involved.

Asked by: Hon. LO Wai-kwok

Reply:

In 2013-14, apart from taking necessary action upon receiving reports on unauthorised signboards from the public, the Buildings Department (BD) will continue its large scale operation (LSO) on removal of large unauthorised signboards. The BD plans to issue 250 removal orders and it is expected that 125 large unauthorised signboards will be removed either by the owners voluntarily upon receipt of advisory letters, by the owners in compliance with removal orders, or by the BD's consultants and contractors in default of the signboard owners.

The BD is now conducting a stock taking exercise to record all unauthorised building works including large unauthorised signboards erected on the exterior of private buildings. The stock taking exercise is expected to be completed in the second half of 2013. The results of the stock taking exercise will assist the BD in planning and taking enforcement action against large unauthorised signboards.

The LSO on removal of large unauthorised signboards and the enforcement action against unauthorised signboards will continue to be carried out in 2013-14 using the existing resources. The BD will keep under review the effectiveness of the LSO and the adequacy of the resources from time to time.

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