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Question (Member Question No. 11):

Taking into account the backlog of cases not yet served with inspection notices in 2012 or/and 2013 and the 1 000 target buildings in 2014, how many buildings are expected to be served with statutory notices under the Mandatory Building Inspection Scheme (MBIS) and Mandatory Window Inspection Scheme (MWIS) in 2014? In 2014-15, what is the staff establishment and the number of contract staff responsible for implementing the MBIS and MWIS and what is the estimated expenditure involved?

Asked by: Hon. CHAN Hak-kan

Reply:

In 2014, taking into account backlog cases and buildings to be newly selected, the Buildings Department (BD) plans to issue statutory notices to about 1 800 target buildings for implementation of the Mandatory Building Inspection Scheme (MBIS) and the Mandatory Window Inspection Scheme (MWIS) concurrently and another 1 500 target buildings for implementation of the MWIS only. The implementation of the MBIS and the MWIS is carried out by the existing resources of 493 professional and technical staff of the two Existing Buildings Divisions and the Mandatory Building Inspection Division of BD as part of their overall duties to implement the Department's building safety and maintenance enforcement programme. In 2014-15, 193 new non-directorate civil service posts, including those converted from existing non-civil service contract positions, will be assigned for enhancing various building safety and maintenance enforcement programmes including the MBIS and the MWIS. We are not able to provide a breakdown of the manpower or expenditure involved solely with the implementation of the two schemes.