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Question (Member Question No. 39):

For the indicator “prosecutions against failure to comply with removal orders” in “unauthorised building works” under “Existing Buildings”, the actual figures were 2 104 in 2012, and 2 513 in 2013, but it is expected to rise to 3 000 in 2014. Has the Administration examined the reasons for the estimated increase; if yes, what are the details; if not, what are the reasons for that?

Asked by: Hon. CHIANG Lai-wan

Reply:

In 2014, the Buildings Department (BD) will redeploy resources to clear the backlog of removal orders issued. Additional resources will also be provided in 2014 for forming dedicated backlog clearance teams in order to clear the outstanding orders in a systematic manner. As such, the number of prosecutions against failure to comply with removal orders is estimated to increase to 3 000 in 2014.