

CONTROLLING OFFICER'S REPLY**DEVB(PL)118****(Question Serial No. 0909)**

Head: (82) Buildings Department

Subhead (No. & title): (-) Not Specified

Programme: (1) Buildings and Building Works

Controlling Officer: Director of Buildings (AU Choi-kai)

Director of Bureau: Secretary for Development

Question (Member Question No. 25):

In respect of the Mandatory Building Inspection Scheme (MBIS) and the Mandatory Window Inspection Scheme (MWIS), please advise this Committee:

(a) of the numbers of the buildings as listed in the table below:

	Subject to MBIS and MWIS concurrently	Subject to MWIS only
No. of target buildings selected		
No. of buildings issued with pre-notification letters		
No. of target buildings planned to be issued with statutory notices		
No. of target buildings issued with statutory notices		

(b) of the number of staff in the Buildings Department currently dedicated to implement these two schemes, and the number of those responsible for carrying out inspection.

Asked by: Hon. LEONG Kah-kit, Alan

Reply:

(a) The numbers of target buildings subject to the Mandatory Building Inspection Scheme (MBIS) and the Mandatory Window Inspection Scheme (MWIS) as at 31 December 2013 are tabulated below:

	Subject to MBIS and MWIS concurrently	Subject to MWIS only
No. of target buildings selected and issued with pre-notification letters (a)	2 525	4 241
No. of target buildings issued with statutory notices (b)	1 240	1 038
No. of target buildings planned to be issued with statutory notices (c) = (a) – (b)	1 285	3 203

- (b) 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 the Buildings Department (BD) as part of their overall duties to implement the Department's building safety and maintenance enforcement programme. We are not able to provide a breakdown of the manpower involved solely with the implementation of the two schemes. Under both schemes, prescribed inspections in respect of buildings and windows shall be carried out by registered inspectors and qualified persons respectively appointed by the building owners while staff of BD will carry out audit checks on their work.