

**CONTROLLING OFFICER'S REPLY**

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Question (Member Question No. 344):

1. How many applications for demolition, as well as redevelopment, alteration and addition works involving graded historic buildings were received by the Buildings Department (BD) in the past two years? How many of them were approved? Please provide a yearly breakdown of such data by grade and application type.
2. Upon receipt of the above applications, when will BD alert relevant departments under the internal monitoring mechanism? Will the processing of such applications be deferred in the meantime?
3. How many graded historic buildings were demolished without the approval of BD in the past two years? Please provide the location and grading of such buildings. In this connection, has the Department taken any enforcement actions accordingly? What are the details?

Asked by: Hon. CHAN Ka-lok, Kenneth

Reply:

1. The Buildings Department (BD) does not keep statistics on the number of applications involving demolition, redevelopment and alteration and addition works of graded historic buildings.
2. Upon receipt of an application for the approval of plans involving demolition, redevelopment or alteration or addition works of a graded historic building, BD will refer the plans to the Antiquities and Monument Office for consideration on matters in their areas of concern or under their purview, and will also inform the Commissioner for Heritage's Office. As the processing of application for plan approval is required to be completed within the specified time limits under the Buildings Ordinance, the processing of these applications will not be deferred.
3. BD has not received any report of unauthorised demolition of graded historic buildings in the past two years.