

**CONTROLLING OFFICER'S REPLY****DEVB(PL)313****(Question Serial No. 5788)**

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Question (Member Question No. 345):

1. How many complaints about suspected unauthorised alteration or addition works to graded historic buildings did the Buildings Department receive in each of the past two years? How many of these cases have been confirmed to be in contravention of law after inspection? What are the details of the related enforcement actions?
2. Has the Department conducted regular inspections on privately-owned graded historic buildings to ensure that they have no structural problems resulting from unauthorised addition or alteration to the buildings? What are the indicators for such work? Please provide the number of inspections conducted and contraventions found last year. Will the Department deploy additional resources to conduct such inspections? What are the details?

Asked by: Hon. CHAN Ka-lok, Kenneth

Reply:

1. The Buildings Department (BD) has received eight reports about suspected unauthorised alterations or additions to graded historic buildings in the past two years. Subsequent inspections by BD have revealed the existence of unauthorised building works (UBWs) in four cases. The details of the follow-up actions are as follows:

<b>Case No.</b>	<b>UBWs</b>	<b>Follow-up actions</b>
1	One unauthorised signboard	Advisory letter issued. Signboard subsequently removed.
2	Three unauthorised canopies	Removal order issued. Appeal lodged by the owner.
3	One unauthorised yard structure	Advisory letter issued. Removal order to be issued.
4	One unauthorised yard structure	Advisory letter issued. Removal order to be issued.

2. BD carries out inspections in response to reports on UBW from members of the public and the media in respect of all types of private buildings. BD does not have a specific programme of regular inspection of privately-owned graded historic buildings to check for unauthorised addition or alteration.