

**CONTROLLING OFFICER'S REPLY**

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Question (Member Question No. 349):

1. How many submissions on sub-divided flats has the Department received in total since the amendment of the Building (Minor Works) Regulation came into effect in October 2012?
2. Has the Department conducted inspections or audit checks on the flats related to the submissions? What percentages do they account for and what are the selection criteria for the audit check? What is the number of cases found to have irregularities during the audit checks?
3. Has the Department followed up or instigated prosecutions against cases with irregularities? What are the details?

Asked by: Hon. CHAN Ka-lok, Kenneth

Reply:

1. Since the Building (Minor Works) (Amendment) Regulation 2012 ("the Regulation") came into effect in October 2012, 2 489 minor works submissions related to the new items of works commonly associated with the sub-division of flats had been received by the Buildings Department (BD) up to 31 December 2013.
2. Out of these 2 489 minor works submissions, 53 submissions (about 2%) had been selected randomly for audit check irrespective of their classes or types of minor works. Minor irregularities including non-compliance of administrative procedures and requirements, such as inadequate information in the submissions, were found in 26 audit cases which were returned to the prescribed building professionals and/or prescribed registered contractors for necessary amendments.
3. Among the audit cases processed, no major irregularities were found warranting follow-up enforcement action or prosecution by BD.