

**CONTROLLING OFFICER'S REPLY**

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Question (Member Question No. 237):

In view of the serious problems currently posed by sub-divided flats (SDFs), will the Administration advise this Committee of the number of SDFs with irregularities not yet rectified in the past five years, and the number of SDFs issued with warning notices or removal orders but have yet to rectify their irregularities?

Asked by: Hon. CHEUNG Chiu-hung, Fernando

Reply:

In the past five years, the Buildings Department (BD) has attended to about 21 900 reports on sub-divided flats (SDFs) from members of the public and other government departments, with 349 removal orders issued against the irregularities of building works associated with SDFs and a total of 99 orders having already been complied with.

Apart from responding to reports on SDFs, BD has been conducting large scale operations (LSOs) on rectification of irregularities of building works associated with SDFs since 2011. LSOs on SDFs for the past three years covered a total of 785 target buildings, including 60 industrial buildings. Up to February 2014, 697 target buildings have been inspected, with 3 918 SDFs identified. As follow-up, 1 474 removal or discontinuation orders have been issued, with 415 orders already complied with.