

**CONTROLLING OFFICER'S REPLY****DEVB(PL)343****(Question Serial No. 5154)**

Head: (82) Buildings Department

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Question (Member Question No. 59):

The Buildings Department plans to continue to implement the Mandatory Building Inspection Scheme and Mandatory Window Inspection Scheme concurrently in 2014-15, targeting 1 000 buildings aged 30 years or above which require mandatory inspection and, if necessary, repair of the buildings and windows in 2014. In this connection, will the Administration advise this Committee:

- (1) of the number of buildings or units which have completed the mandatory building and window inspections so far; and of the percentage of these buildings or units against the total number of buildings or units required to join the schemes; and
- (2) of the specific work plan in 2014-15 and the estimated expenditure involved?

Asked by: Hon. TIEN Pei-chun, James

Reply:

- (1) The Mandatory Building Inspection Scheme (MBIS) and Mandatory Window Inspection Scheme (MWIS) were fully implemented in June 2012. Statistics on the progress of implementation of MBIS and MWIS as at 31 December 2013 are tabulated below:

	<b>Subject to MBIS and MWIS concurrently</b>	<b>Subject to MWIS only</b>
<b>No. of target buildings selected and issued with pre-notification letters</b>	2 525	4 241
<b>No. of target buildings issued with statutory notices</b>	1 240	1 038

	<b>MBIS Statutory Notices</b>	<b>MWIS Statutory Notices</b>
<b>No. of statutory notices issued</b>	14 359	121 945
<b>No. of certification of completion of prescribed inspection/repair received</b>	126 (0.9%)	22 881 (18.8%)

- (2) In 2014, the Buildings Department (BD) plans to newly select 1 000 buildings for implementation of MBIS and MWIS concurrently. Taking into account backlog cases and buildings to be newly selected, in 2014 BD plans to issue statutory notices to about 1 800 and 3 300 target buildings for implementation of MBIS and MWIS respectively (i.e. 1 800 buildings for implementation of MBIS and MWIS concurrently, and another 1 500 buildings for implementation of MWIS only). The estimated numbers of statutory notices to be issued in 2014 under MBIS and MWIS are 21 000 and 175 000 respectively.

The implementation of MBIS and 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 BD as part of their overall duties to implement the Department's building safety and maintenance enforcement programme. In 2014-15, 193 new non-directorate civil service posts, including those converted from existing non-civil service contract positions, will be assigned for enhancing various building safety and maintenance enforcement programmes including the MBIS and the MWIS. We are not able to provide a breakdown of the manpower or expenditure involved solely for the implementation of the two schemes.