

CONTROLLING OFFICER'S REPLY

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Question:

As regards “implemented the Mandatory Building Inspection Scheme (MBIS) and Mandatory Window Inspection Scheme in 1 018 buildings”, how many of these buildings are subject to mandatory building inspection and how many of them are subject to mandatory window inspection? Of the buildings subject to the MBIS, how many of them have applied for subsidy under the Mandatory Building Inspection Subsidy Scheme administered by the Urban Renewal Authority? In how many applications were subsidies granted?

Asked by: Hon CHAN Kam-lam (Member Question No. 38)

Reply:

In 2014, the Buildings Department (BD) issued pre-notification letters to 1 018 buildings selected for implementation of the Mandatory Building Inspection Scheme (MBIS) and the Mandatory Window Inspection Scheme concurrently. The Mandatory Building Inspection Subsidy Scheme (MBISS) is jointly administered by the Hong Kong Housing Society (HKHS) and the Urban Renewal Authority (URA) to subsidise eligible building owners the full cost of the first building inspection under the MBIS, subject to a cap. According to information provided by HKHS and URA, as at 31 December 2014, a total of 498 applications under the MBISS had been received, of which 442 applications had been granted “approval-in-principle”. As there is a lapse of time between the issuance of pre-notification letters to target buildings by BD and the making of subsidy application by building owners and subsequent granting of approval by HKHS or URA, the above figures of the MBISS also cover target buildings selected in 2012 and 2013. We do not compile separate statistics on the number of applications that are related to target buildings selected in 2014.

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