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Question:

Regarding the Mandatory Window Inspection Scheme, what is the expenditure for the publicity campaign in the coming year, what is the breakdown of expenditure by publicity medium, do the publicity materials lay emphasis on advising the public what parts are subject to mandatory inspection?

Asked by: Hon LAU Wong-fat (Member Question No. 4)

Reply:

In 2015-16, the Buildings Department (BD) will continue its public education and publicity campaign to disseminate messages on building safety and foster a building safety culture in the community. The public education activities will include general talks for students and building owners; technical talks and briefings for building professionals, contractors and property managers; roadshows; comic drawing competition for students; publication of Codes of Practice and guidelines on BD's website; maintaining the thematic website on building safety; as well as developing a mobile application on the Mandatory Building Inspection Scheme (MBIS) and the Mandatory Window Inspection Scheme (MWIS). Publicity will be launched through short films; Announcements in the Public Interest (APIs) on television, radio, buses and trains; as well as publication of newspaper supplements, pamphlets, booklets and posters.

The estimated total expenditure for BD's public education and publicity activities in 2015-16 is \$11.85 million. We are not able to provide a breakdown of the expenditure on the publicity for the MWIS as it is merged into the overall publicity expenditure on various building safety initiatives.

To explain the mandatory window inspection requirements to the public and qualified persons for carrying out window inspection under the MWIS, BD has published a booklet "Important Notes about Window Safety" and a Code of Practice for MBIS and MWIS illustrating the categories of window defects, the scope and components of window elements requiring inspection as well as the methods and standards on window inspection and the required repair. They have been uploaded to BD's website. An API has also been

launched to remind owners to exercise caution when selecting qualified persons for carrying out window inspection under the MWIS. BD will continue its efforts in this area.

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