

**CONTROLLING OFFICER'S REPLY****DEVB(PL)071****(Question Serial No. 1235)**

Head: (82) Buildings Department

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Programme: (1) Buildings and Building Works

Controlling Officer: Director of Buildings (HUI Siu-wai)

Director of Bureau: Secretary for Development

Question:

The Department stated in the explanatory notes that “the number of buildings planned to be covered by the Mandatory Window Inspection Scheme (MWIS) in 2015 is adjusted to 650 in order to redeploy resources for serving inspection notices to buildings identified in 2013 and 2014 and taking enforcement action against non-compliant notices. The long-term targets of the Mandatory Building Inspection Scheme and MWIS are being reviewed.” In this connection, will the Department inform this Committee:

- (a) of the number of cases in which the notice for building or window inspection were not complied with, and of the percentage of the total number of cases they account for;
- (b) of the details of how the long-term targets are being reviewed?
- (c) Please provide the numbers and details of the buildings in Yuen Long District and Islands District which are involved in the schemes in 2015-16.

Asked by: Hon LEUNG Che-cheung (Member Question No. 14)

Reply:

- (a) 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 2014 are tabulated below –

	MBIS Statutory Notices	MWIS Statutory Notices
Total no. of statutory notices issued (a)	31 896	227 888
Total no. of statutory notices discharged (b)	984	59 681

Total no. of statutory notices not yet discharged (c) = (a) - (b)	30 912 <sup>Note</sup> (97%)	168 207 <sup>Note</sup> (74%)
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Note: Some of the statutory notices issued have yet to expire.

- (b) Having regard to the progress of implementation since June 2012 and the general views in the community that the pace of implementation of the two schemes should be slowed down to give more time for building owners to understand the new requirements and get prepared, the Buildings Department (BD) has since 2014 adjusted downwards the number of target buildings to be selected each year for both schemes. During this early period of implementation, the BD will review the targets for MBIS and MWIS on an annual basis to ensure they meet the needs of the prevailing circumstances, taking into account the resource implications, operational experience gained, compliance rate and views of stakeholders. The long-term targets for the two schemes will be reviewed in due course.
- (c) In 2015, 650 buildings will be selected for implementation of MBIS and MWIS concurrently. As the selection has yet to be confirmed, we are not able to provide the numbers or details of the target buildings in individual districts. For target buildings selected in the past, a list of the buildings issued with statutory notices is available on the BD's website at [www.bd.gov.hk](http://www.bd.gov.hk).

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