

**CONTROLLING OFFICER'S REPLY**

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Head: (82) Buildings Department

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Question:

The Buildings Department stated that it would continue the large scale operations to follow up the work listed below in 2015-16. In this connection, will the authorities give their reply in the following table:

	Number of cases handled and expenditure in 2014-15	Estimated number of cases handled and estimated expenditure in 2015-16
Comprehensive clearance of unauthorised building works (UBWs) on rooftops, flat roofs, yards and lanes of target buildings		
Inspection of sub-divided flats in target buildings and rectification of irregularities of building works associated with sub-divided flats		
Removal of large unauthorised signboards and signboards that are not validated on target buildings or target streets		
Removal of UBWs in New Territories exempted houses that constitute serious contravention of the law and pose higher potential risks to building safety, and administration of the		

reporting scheme for other UBWs		
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Asked by: Hon TIEN Pei-chun, James (Member Question No. 18)

Reply:

In 2015-16, the Buildings Department (BD) will continue its enforcement action against unauthorised building works (UBWs). Relevant information of BD's large scale operations (LSOs) on clearance of UBWs and inspection of sub-divided flats (SDFs); as well as BD's enforcement action against unauthorised signboards and UBWs in New Territories exempted houses (NTEHs) are set out in the tables below.

Table 1: Performance

	<b>Actual Performance in 2014</b>	<b>Target Performance in 2015</b>
(1) LSOs on comprehensive clearance of UBWs on rooftops, flat roofs, yards and lanes of target buildings	200 target buildings	270 target buildings
(2) LSOs on inspection of SDFs and rectification of irregularities of building works associated with SDFs in target buildings	308 target buildings	330 target buildings
(3) Removal of unauthorised signboards and implementation of the Validation Scheme for Unauthorised Signboards	791 unauthorised signboards removed/validated	800 unauthorised signboards to be removed/ validated
(4) Survey of NTEHs to identify UBWs that constitute serious contravention of the law and pose higher potential risks to building safety, and administration of the Reporting Scheme for eligible UBWs in NTEHs	5 210 NTEHs surveyed; and 9 809 reporting forms processed under the Reporting Scheme	5 000 NTEHs to be surveyed; and 7 500 reporting forms to be processed under the Reporting Scheme

Table 2: Expenditure

	Expenditure in 2014-15	Estimated Expenditure in 2015-16
(1) LSO on comprehensive clearance of UBWs on rooftops, flat roofs, yards and lanes of target buildings	The LSOs were carried out by the 378 professional and technical staff of the two Existing Buildings Divisions of the BD, as part of their overall duties to implement the BD's building safety and maintenance enforcement programme. We are not able to provide a breakdown of the manpower resources solely for the LSOs.	The LSOs will be carried out by the 396 professional and technical staff of the two Existing Buildings Divisions of the BD, as part of their overall duties to implement the BD's building safety and maintenance enforcement programme. We are not able to provide a breakdown of the manpower resources solely for the LSOs.
(2) LSO on inspection of SDFs and rectification of irregularities of building works associated with SDFs in target buildings		
(3) Removal of unauthorised signboards and implementation of the Validation Scheme for Unauthorised Signboard	The enforcement action against unauthorised signboards and implementation of the Validation Scheme for Unauthorised Signboard were carried out by the 37 professional and technical staff of the Signboard Control Unit of the BD, as part of their overall duties in implementing the Signboard Control System. The expenditure incurred by the Signboard Control Unit was about \$26 million.	The enforcement action against unauthorised signboards and implementation of the Validation Scheme for Unauthorised Signboard will be carried out by the 37 professional and technical staff of the Signboard Control Unit of the BD, as part of their overall duties in implementing the Signboard Control System. The expenditure to be incurred by the Signboard Control Unit is estimated to be about \$29 million.
(4) Survey of NTEHs to identify UBWs that constitute serious contravention of the law and pose higher potential risks to building safety, and administration of the Reporting Scheme for eligible UBWs in NTEHs	The enforcement action against UBWs in NTEHs and the administration of the Reporting Scheme were carried out by the 37 professional and technical staff of the Village Houses Section of the BD, as part of their overall duties in implementing the enhanced strategy against UBWs in NTEHs. The expenditure incurred by the Village Houses Section was about	The enforcement action against UBWs in NTEHs and the administration of the Reporting Scheme will be carried out by the 37 professional and technical staff of the Village Houses Section of the BD, as part of their overall duties in implementing the enhanced strategy against UBWs in NTEHs. The expenditure to be incurred by the Village Houses Section is estimated

	\$39 million.	to be about \$39 million.
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