

CONTROLLING OFFICER'S REPLY**DEVB(PL)091****(Question Serial No. 0612)**

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:

It was stated under this Programme that 2 218 sub-divided flats (SDFs) were inspected last year. In this connection, will the authorities inform this Committee:

- (1) among the 2 218 SDFs inspected in 2014, of the number of flats which require immediate rectification due to serious contravention of the relevant provisions under the Buildings Ordinance including those on fire safety; of the distribution of such flats in the 18 districts; of the cumulative number to date of flats against which enforcement actions for immediate rectification have been taken, and the number of such flats with rectification verified; of the staff establishment and expenditure involved in the inspection and rectification; and
- (2) whether the authorities have planned to increase the relevant staff establishment in the current year; if they have, of the details?

Asked by: Hon WONG Kwok-hing (Member Question No. 35)

Reply:

- (1) While BD is still assessing the 2 218 SDFs inspected in 2014, BD has identified 357 sub-divided flats (SDFs) with irregularities of building works which have to be followed up by issuing removal orders up to present. The 357 SDFs are from 14 districts and a breakdown on geographical basis is as follows –

District	No. of SDFs to be issued with removal order
Central and Western	22
Wan Chai	16
Eastern	13
Wong Tai Sin	1
Kwun Tong	12
Yau Tsim Mong	44
Sham Shui Po	73

Kowloon City	127
North	7
Sha Tin	2
Tai Po	5
Tsuen Wan	2
Yuen Long	14
Kwai Tsing	19
Total	357

In 2014, there were 295 SDFs rectified of irregularities. As there is a lapse of time between the inspection and rectification of irregularities of SDFs, SDFs rectified in a year does not necessarily correspond to those inspected in the same year.

The enforcement action against the irregularities of building works associated with SDFs is carried out by 378 professional and technical staff of the two Existing Buildings Divisions of BD as part of their overall duties to implement BD's building safety and maintenance enforcement programmes. We are not able to provide a breakdown of the manpower resources involved solely for carrying out enforcement action against the irregularities of building works associated with SDFs.

- (2) Additional resources of 18 non-civil service contract technical staff will be deployed to the two Existing Buildings Divisions of BD in 2015-16 to assist in implementing BD's building safety and maintenance enforcement programmes, including taking enforcement action against the irregularities of building works associated with SDFs.

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