

CONTROLLING OFFICER'S REPLY

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Head: (82) Buildings Department
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Question:

1. Among the applications for building demolition, as well as redevelopment, alteration or addition works received by the Buildings Department (BD) in the past two years, how many of them involved graded historic buildings? How many cases were approved? Please provide a yearly breakdown of such data by grade and application type; and
2. What is the number of such applications of which the BD has notified the relevant departments under the internal monitoring mechanism? Will the BD defer processing such applications until receiving replies from the departments, in particular the Antiquities Advisory Board or departments responsible for implementing conservation policies?

Asked by: Hon CHAN Ka-lok, Kenneth (Member Question No. 363)

Reply:

1. The Buildings Department (BD) does not compile separate statistics on the number of applications involving demolition, redevelopment, or alteration or addition works of graded historic buildings.
2. Upon receipt of an application for the approval of plans involving demolition, redevelopment, or alteration or addition works of a graded historic building, the BD will refer the plans to, among others, the Antiquities and Monument Office for consideration and inform the Commissioner for Heritage's Office. The BD does not compile separate statistics on the number of such referrals. As the processing of application for plan approval is required to be completed within the specified time limits under the Buildings Ordinance, the BD will process these applications in accordance with the specified time limits.

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