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Question:

In connection with rooftop structures, please provide the numbers of inspections, prosecutions and tenants involved, as well as court convictions and tenants involved in the past five years, broken down by district.

Asked by: Hon CHEUNG Chiu-hung, Fernando (Member Question No. 684)

Reply:

The Buildings Department (BD) has been taking enforcement action against unauthorised building works (UBWs) on rooftops through conducting large scale operations and investigating reports from members of the public or other government departments. While the BD does not compile separate statistics on the number of tenants involved in prosecutions/conviction cases and the number of inspections made, the number of prosecutions instigated by the BD against failure to comply with removal orders issued against UBWs on rooftops and the number of convictions from January 2010 to February 2015 are tabulated on geographical basis as follows -

	January 2010 to February 2015	
District	No. of prosecutions	No. of convictions (Note 1)
Central & Western	73	28
Wan Chai	44	25
Eastern	195	104
Southern	13	7
Kowloon City	151	54
Kwun Tong	151	51
Yau Tsim Mong	218	59
Sham Shui Po	102	38
Wong Tai Sin	48	30
Islands	13	3
North	59	26

Sai Kung	78	27
Sha Tin	86	49
Tai Po	67	43
Tsuen Wan	119	41
Tuen Mun	57	24
Yuen Long	147	88
Kwai Tsing	50	23
Total	1 671	720

Note 1: The number of convictions does not necessarily correspond to the prosecutions instigated in the same period.