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Question:

In connection with industrial buildings (domestic), 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.

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Reply:

We take it that the question asks for information on sub-divided flats (SDF) used for domestic purpose in industrial buildings (IBs). Apart from responding to reports, the Buildings Department (BD) has been taking enforcement actions to eradicate SDFs used for domestic purpose in IBs in an orderly and systematic manner through large scale operations (LSOs) since April 2012. The BD does not compile separate statistics on the number of tenants involved in prosecutions/conviction cases. The number of SDFs in IBs inspected under LSOs, the number of prosecutions instigated by the BD against failure to comply with removal orders or discontinuation orders, and the number of convictions from April 2012 to February 2015 are tabulated on geographical basis as follows -

| District | No. of SDFs in IBs inspected under LSOs (Figures in brackets indicate the number of SDFs used for domestic purpose) | No. of prosecutions instigated against non-compliance with removal orders/ discontinuation orders | No. of Convictions |
|----------------------|--|--|---------------------------|
| Eastern | 10 (0) | 0 | 0 |
| Southern | 2 (0) | 0 | 0 |
| Wong Tai Sin | 71 (1) | 0 | 0 |
| Kwun Tong | 137 (2) | 0 | 0 |
| Yau Tsim Mong | 83 (21) | 0 | 0 |
| Sham Shui Po | 53 (0) | 0 | 0 |
| Kowloon City | 43 (7) | 14 | 12 |
| Sha Tin | 48 (0) | 0 | 0 |
| Tsuen Wan | 53 (7) | 13 | 9 |
| Tuen Mun | 21 (0) | 0 | 0 |
| Kwai Tsing | 84 (0) | 0 | 0 |
| Total | 605 (38) | 27 | 21 |

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