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Question:

Please tabulate the number of reports submitted by each Rural Committee district under the Reporting Scheme for unauthorised building works in New Territories Exempted Houses. Does the Government have any new policy direction for handling this type of unauthorised building works?

Asked by: Hon TAM Yiu-chung (Member Question No. 43)

Reply:

The numbers of reporting forms received during the reporting period under the Reporting Scheme for Unauthorised Building Works in New Territories Exempted Houses (the Scheme) in the nine administrative districts of the New Territories District Councils are tabulated below –

<b>District</b>	<b>Number of Reporting Forms Received</b>
Islands	1 463
Kwai Tsing	306
North	1 250
Sai Kung	2 232
Sha Tin	1 757
Tai Po	4 504
Tsuen Wan	1 041
Tuen Mun	1 450
Yuen Long	4 031
<b>Total</b>	<b>18 034</b>

The Buildings Department (BD) does not maintain separate statistics on the number of reports received for each Rural Committee district.

As announced by the BD before the implementation of the Scheme, owners whose reporting forms have been accepted are required to arrange qualified personnel to conduct safety inspection of the reported unauthorised building works (UBWs) every five years. During the first round of enforcement against UBWs in New Territories Exempted Houses (which focuses on UBWs that constitute a serious contravention of the law or pose higher potential risks), the BD will not require the removal of the reported UBWs unless they become dangerous. The BD will continue to adopt this approach in handling the reported UBWs. As for UBWs which have not been reported to the BD or for those of which the report concerned were rejected, the BD will continue to take enforcement action against them.

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