

**CONTROLLING OFFICER'S REPLY**

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Head: (82) Buildings Department  
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Question:

When owners fail to comply with removal orders against unauthorised building works, the Buildings Department has the right to instruct Government contractors to carry out the works in the owners' default and recover all the cost of such works, plus supervision charge and surcharge from the owners afterwards. Regarding the recovery of the cost, will the Government inform this Committee of the numbers of cases requiring the recovery of cost from owners, resulting in successful recovery and involving the writing-off of cost, as well as the percentage of writing-off cases against the number of those requiring the recovery of cost over the past three years?

Asked by: Dr Hon Priscilla LEUNG Mei-fun (Member Question No. 52)

Reply:

In the past three years, the Buildings Department (BD) appointed contractors to carry out the required removal works in respect of 49 defaulted removal orders against unauthorised building works. The BD has been pursuing cost recovery actions under the Buildings Ordinance (Cap. 123) for these cases, and has already fully recovered the cost for 13 of these cases. There is no write-off action initiated for these cases so far.

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