

**CONTROLLING OFFICER'S REPLY**

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Question:

During 2016-17, the Buildings Department will continue to implement the revised enforcement policy against unauthorised building works (UBWs) introduced since April 2011 and respond to reports on UBWs from members of the public. In this connection, will the authorities inform this Committee:

- (1) of the total number of UBWs handled each year (set out by type in a table) and the expenditure involved since the implementation of the policy; and
- (2) of the specific work plan and breakdown of the estimated expenditure in 2016-17?

Asked by: Hon James TIEN Pei-chun (Member Question No. 35)

Reply:

- (1) In 2011, 2012, 2013, 2014 and 2015, 17 879, 13 581, 14 972, 22 866 and 24 362 unauthorised building works (UBWs) were removed respectively. The Buildings Department (BD) does not compile statistics on the number of different types of UBWs removed.
- (2) Apart from handling reports on UBWs from members of the public, the BD will continue its enforcement action against UBWs in 2016-17 through its large scale operations to tackle actionable UBWs in an orderly and systematic manner.

Enforcement action against UBWs is carried out by the 630 professional and technical staff of the two Existing Buildings Divisions, the Mandatory Building Inspection Division and the Minor Works and Signboard Control Section of the BD as part of their overall duties to implement the BD's building safety and maintenance enforcement programmes. We are not able to provide a breakdown of the manpower and expenditure involved solely for the implementation of the enforcement policy against UBWs.

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