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Question:

The Buildings Department (BD) has set an indicator to address existing dilapidated buildings. In 2015, the actual number of “reports from members of the public attended to” was over 12 000 and in 2016, the estimated number will increase by over 1 200. However, the estimated numbers of “repair/investigation orders issued” and “buildings repaired” for the coming year have dropped instead of rising.

1. What are the reasons for that?
2. Will the BD fail to follow up on the reports received in the future due to its new redeployment of resources?

Asked by: Hon IP Kwok-him (Member Question No. 62)

Reply:

The number of reports on dilapidated buildings attended to by the Buildings Department (BD) depends on the actual number of reports received from members of the public, which fluctuates from time to time. While there were 12 777 such reports in 2015, there were over 13 000 reports each year from 2012 to 2014. The BD has therefore adopted the estimated figure of 14 000 for 2016.

The BD expects that, with the implementation of the Mandatory Building Inspection Scheme (MBIS) since 2012 and its efforts in promoting a culture of building care, more building owners will carry out repair and maintenance works under the MBIS or out of their own initiatives. The BD therefore estimates that the number of repair/investigation orders to be issued will reduce in 2016.

As regards the number of buildings to be repaired in 2016, the BD anticipates it to decrease mainly because Operation Building Bright has reached its final stage and the repair and maintenance works of many participating buildings have already been completed.

The above estimates only serve as indicators of the BD's workload in 2016. The redeployment of resources by the BD will not affect its work in following up on reports on dilapidated buildings.

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