

**CONTROLLING OFFICER'S REPLY****DEVB(PL)287****(Question Serial No. 3438)**

Head: (82) Buildings Department

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Programme: (1) Buildings and Building Works

Controlling Officer: Director of Buildings (HUI Siu-wai)

Director of Bureau: Secretary for Development

Question:

Regarding the implementation of the Comprehensive Building Safety Improvement Loan Scheme under the Programme, please advise this Committee:

- 1) of the numbers of buildings involved in the loan applications approved in 2014 and 2015;
- 2) of the respective amount of annual loan repayment in 2013, 2014 and 2015;
- 3) whether further actions were required to be taken by the Department to recover the loans from owners who defaulted on payment in the past three years; if so, of the details.

Asked by: Hon WU Chi-wai (Member Question No. 97)

Reply:

- 1) Loan applications approved under the Comprehensive Building Safety Improvement Loan Scheme in 2014 and 2015 involved 242 and 222 buildings respectively.
- 2) The amount of annual loan repayment in the past three years is tabulated as follows:

<b>Year</b>	<b>Amount of loan repayment (\$million)</b>
2013	53
2014	44
2015	49

- 3) For defaulted repayment cases, the Buildings Department has referred them to the Department of Justice for taking appropriate legal action to recover the outstanding loans from the borrowers.

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