

**CONTROLLING OFFICER'S REPLY**

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Question:

Regarding the fire safety improvement directions (FSIDns) issued to specified commercial buildings and the fire safety directions (FSDns) issued to composite buildings under the Programme, please inform this Committee:

- 1) of the number of FSIDns issued to and discharged from specified commercial buildings from 2012 to 2015;
- 2) of the number of FSIDns yet to be discharged from specified commercial buildings up to 2015;
- 3) of the number of FSDns issued to and discharged from composite buildings in each of the 18 districts in 2014 and 2015;
- 4) of the measures to clear the backlog of outstanding FSDns of composite buildings; of the details and estimated expenditure of the measures concerned.

Asked by: Hon WU Chi-wai (Member Question No. 28)

Reply:

- 1) From 2012 to 2015, the Buildings Department (BD) issued 1 716 fire safety improvement directions (FSIDns) to specified commercial buildings (SCBs) and 3 645 FSIDns were discharged. The FSIDns discharged may not correspond to the FSIDns issued during the same period.
- 2) As at the end of 2015, there were about 6 100 outstanding FSIDns in respect of SCBs.

- 3) The numbers of fire safety directions (FSDns) issued by the BD to composite buildings and FSDns that were discharged in 2014 and 2015 are tabulated below:

District	No. of FSDns issued		No. of FSDns discharged*	
	2014	2015	2014	2015
Central & Western	628	779	187	174
Wan Chai	751	843	118	173
Eastern	557	604	232	164
Southern	131	175	15	36
Yau Tsim Mong	1 289	881	432	476
Sham Shui Po	975	691	329	243
Kowloon City	406	755	243	288
Wong Tai Sin	70	81	33	43
Kwun Tong	79	190	68	32
Tsuen Wan	226	154	38	13
Tuen Mun	7	19	0	1
Yuen Long	155	274	19	16
North	265	151	28	25
Tai Po	246	169	15	7
Sai Kung	0	13	0	0
Sha Tin	9	48	0	0
Island	137	7	0	6
Kwai Tsing	57	23	3	6
<b>Total</b>	<b>5 988</b>	<b>5 857</b>	<b>1 760</b>	<b>1 703</b>

\* These figures do not necessarily correspond to the FSDns issued in the same year.

- 4) In 2016-17, the BD will continue to follow up the outstanding FSDns. The BD will step up enforcement action, including instigating prosecution, against building owners who fail to comply with FSDns without reasonable excuse. The BD will also take measures to encourage and render assistance to building owners in complying with FSDns. These measures include –
- (a) working with the Home Affairs Department to assist building owners in forming owners' corporations;
  - (b) offering technical advice through meetings with the building owners and their appointed consultants;
  - (c) in collaboration with the Hong Kong Housing Society and the Urban Renewal Authority, providing technical and financial assistance to eligible building owners; and
  - (d) supporting District Fire Safety Committees and other organisations in organising seminars and activities to enhance public awareness of the importance of fire safety in old buildings.

In 2016-17, the 104 professional and technical staff of the BD's Fire Safety Section will follow up on the outstanding FSDns as part of their overall duties in implementing the Fire Safety (Commercial Premises) Ordinance and the Fire Safety (Buildings) Ordinance. We are not able to provide a breakdown of the expenditure involved solely for the relevant work.

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