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Question:

Please inform this Committee:

- 1) of the number of complaints received in relation to the implementation of the Mandatory Building Inspection Scheme, including the number of cases involving issues such as “bid-rigging” through works cost exaggeration by the contractors. Among these cases, how many were referred to enforcement departments for follow-up action?
- 2) of the number of complaints received in relation to the implementation of the Mandatory Window Inspection Scheme, including the number of cases involving issues such as “bid-rigging” through works cost exaggeration by the contractors. Among these cases, how many were referred to enforcement departments for follow-up action?

Asked by: Hon WU Chi-wai (Member Question No. 95)

Reply:

Since the implementation of Mandatory Building Inspection Scheme (MBIS) and the Mandatory Window Inspection Scheme (MWIS) in 2012, the Buildings Department (BD) has received over 135 000 verbal and written enquiries, requests for assistance, reports and complaints from members of the public on the MBIS and the MWIS. The BD does not have detailed breakdown of the statistics. Up to 31 December 2015, the BD has received and handled 23 reports of suspected irregularities involving contractors under the MWIS since its commencement in June 2012. There is no such case under the MBIS. In general terms, the 23 cases concerned the quality of work performed under MWIS. The BD has investigated into them and taken appropriate follow-up actions in substantiated cases, including instigating prosecution or disciplinary actions. So far, none of these cases has been referred to other enforcement departments for follow-up.

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