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Question:

What are the types of services provided to owners and occupants in both existing and new private buildings? What are the manpower and expenditure involved?

Asked by: Dr Hon KWOK Ka-ki (Member Question No. 350)

Reply:

The services provided by the Buildings Department (BD) for private buildings include implementing the Mandatory Building Inspection Scheme and the Mandatory Window Inspection Scheme; removing danger and nuisances caused by unauthorised building works (including irregularities associated with sub-divided flats and unauthorised signboards), defective drain pipes and dangerous slopes; processing minor works submissions; responding to emergency and non-emergency reports; implementing fire safety improvement measures; providing advice on restaurant and place of public entertainment licence applications; and promoting proper and timely building repair and maintenance. The work related to the provision of the above services is mainly handled by the 863 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. The expenditure incurred in 2015-16 and 2016-17 are estimated to be \$641 million and \$670 million respectively.

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