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Question:

What were the details of the regular or surprise inspection of buildings in the past three years? What was the manpower deployment involved?

Asked by: Dr Hon KWOK Ka-ki (Member Question No. 351)

Reply:

Inspections of existing private buildings are carried out by the 1 036 professional and technical staff of the two Existing Buildings Divisions, the Mandatory Building Inspection Division, the two New Buildings Divisions and the Signboard Control Section of the Buildings Department (BD) as part of their overall duties to implement the BD's building safety and maintenance enforcement programmes. We are not able to provide a breakdown of the manpower resources involved solely for carrying out these inspections.

These inspections are mainly carried out for 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 alteration and addition proposals and 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, etc.

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