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Question:

Regarding the 650 buildings aged 30 years or above requiring mandatory inspection under the Mandatory Building Inspection Scheme in 2015, how effective was the Scheme and what were the manpower and expenditure involved?

Asked by: Dr Hon KWOK Ka-ki (Member Question No. 357)

Reply:

In 2015, the Buildings Department (BD) issued pre-notification letters to 650 buildings targeted concurrently under the Mandatory Building Inspection Scheme (MBIS) and the Mandatory Window Inspection Scheme (MWIS), advising the building owners concerned to get prepared and plan ahead for carrying out the prescribed inspection and repair (if necessary) under the two Schemes. Statutory notices requiring them to appoint relevant professionals to carry out the prescribed inspection and repair (if necessary) will be issued from the second quarter of 2016 onwards. It is therefore premature to assess the effectiveness of the MBIS for these 650 target buildings.

In 2015-16, the implementation of the MBIS and the MWIS is carried out by the 126 professional and technical staff of the Mandatory Building Inspection Sections of the BD, and the expenditure incurred is about \$112 million.

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