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Question:

Please provide the numbers of units classified by the Buildings Department as unlawful residential units (broken down by district and type) in the past five years and the number of residents involved.

Asked by: Dr Hon Fernando CHEUNG Chiu-hung (Member Question No. 477)

Reply:

There is no clear definition of “unlawful residential units”. Unauthorised rooftop structures and sub-divided flats (SDFs) used for domestic purpose are the most common types of structures dealt with by the Buildings Department (BD) under its enforcement programme against unauthorised building works.

The BD does not compile statistics on the number of unauthorised rooftop structures identified or on the number of tenants in unauthorised rooftop structures or SDFs. The geographical distribution of SDFs with irregularities identified in the past five years is as follows:

District	No. of SDFs with irregularities identified
Central and Western	61
Wan Chai	38
Eastern	90
Southern	2
Wong Tai Sin	9
Kwun Tong	68
Yau Tsim Mong	551
Sham Shui Po	771
Kowloon City	372
North	8
Sha Tin	28

District	No. of SDFs with irregularities identified
Tai Po	5
Sai Kung	0
Tsuen Wan	26
Tuen Mun	7
Yuen Long	27
Kwai Tsing	30
Total	2 093

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