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Head: (82) Buildings Department

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Programme: (1) Buildings and Building Works

Controlling Officer: Director of Buildings (CHEUNG Tin-cheung)

<u>Director of Bureau</u>: Secretary for Development

Question:

Report No. 64 of the Director of Audit pointed out that a long time had been taken in taking action against unauthorised building works. Has any improvement been made in this regard in the past two years? What is the latest situation?

Asked by: Hon CHAN Hak-kan (Member Question No. 43)

Reply:

Regarding the said audit report, the Buildings Department (BD) has been taking proactive action to implement the various recommendations of the Director of Audit and the Public Accounts Committee. The improvement measures implemented by the BD to enhance its action against unauthorised building works (UBWs) are set out in detail in the relevant Government Minute tabled at the Legislative Council in October 2015 (www.legco.gov.hk/yr14-15/english/pac/minutes/pac_gm_63a_64-e.pdf) and the progress report submitted to the Legislative Council in October 2016.

The BD will continue to closely monitor the progress of the enforcement actions on UBWs.