

CONTROLLING OFFICER'S REPLY

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Question:

It is mentioned on page 76 that the decrease in the number of fire safety directions (FSDns) issued in 2016 was due to redeployment of resources for the territory-wide special joint operation with the Fire Services Department to inspect mini-storages. However, with reference to the Estimates for 2016, the Buildings Department (BD) expected to issue 5 100 FSDns in 2016, while the actual number was 3 676.

Would the BD inform this Committee:

- (1) whether the Department has evaluated the fire safety impact on other composite buildings when deploying manpower resources for the above operation;
- (2) of the number of staff deployed from normal inspection establishment for the said joint operation by the Department;
- (3) of the numbers of repair/investigation orders issued against mini-storages in 2016, broken down by the 18 districts, and how many of them have been complied with?

Asked by: Hon TAM Man-ho, Jeremy (Member Question No. 13)

Reply:

- (1) The purpose of the Fire Safety (Buildings) Ordinance (Cap. 572) is to enhance the fire safety protection of composite buildings and domestic buildings constructed, or with their building plans first submitted to the Building Authority, on or before 1 March 1987 to meet the current requirements. The Fire Services Department and the Buildings Department (BD) will issue Fire Safety Directions to owners and/or occupiers with regard to fire safety measures of the relevant buildings and specify the required fire safety improvement works. In redeploying resources for the territory-wide special joint operation to inspect mini-storages, the BD has assessed and taken into account the impact on the overall progress of enforcement of the Fire Safety (Buildings) Ordinance against composite buildings.

- (2) Starting from June 2016, 40 professional and technical staff of the BD have been deployed for the territory-wide special joint operation on mini-storages.
- (3) The geographical distribution of removal orders and repair orders issued by the BD* against mini-storages and orders complied with under the special joint operation in 2016 is tabulated below -

District	Number of orders issued		Number of orders discharged	
	removal order	repair order	removal order	repair order
Central & Western	2	2	0	0
Eastern	52	52	4	4
Southern	19	19	0	0
Yau Tsim Mong	17	17	0	0
Sham Shui Po	35	35	0	0
Kowloon City	21	21	0	0
Wong Tai Sin	38	38	0	0
Kwun Tong	61	61	1	1
Tsuen Wan	23	23	0	0
Tuen Mun	1	1	0	0
Kwai Tsing	36	36	0	0
Total	305	305	5	5

Note *: BD is still in the progress of issuing such orders.

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