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Question:

It is mentioned on page 77 that the decrease in the estimated number of sub-divided flats (SDFs) to be inspected in 2017 is due to the reduction in the number of target buildings in large scale operations (LSOs).

Would the Buildings Department (BD) inform this Committee:

- (1) of the numbers of target buildings in the above LSOs in 2015, 2016 and 2017 in each of the 18 districts, as well as their changes;
- (2) SDFs rectified of irregularities accounted for less than 10% in both 2015 and 2016. What measures will be taken by the BD to deal with the SDFs that have not been rectified for long?

Asked by: Hon TAM Man-ho, Jeremy (Member Question No. 14)

Reply:

- (1) The Buildings Department (BD) has been conducting large scale operations (LSOs) for rectifying irregularities of building works associated with sub-divided flats (SDFs). The geographical distribution of buildings targeted under these LSOs in 2015 and 2016 is tabulated as follows:-

District	2015	2016
Central and Western	6	16
Wan Chai	16	0
Eastern	11	0
Southern	3	1
Wong Tai Sin	5	3
Kwun Tong	4	6
Yau Tsim Mong	45	6
Sham Shui Po	13	21

District	2015	2016
Kowloon City	34	17
North	13	7
Sha Tin	2	3
Tai Po	9	5
Sai Kung	0	0
Tsuen Wan	12	4
Tuen Mun	7	5
Yuen Long	22	3
Kwai Tsing	8	3
Total	210	100

For the LSOs in 2017, the selection of target buildings is still in progress and the geographical distribution of target buildings is not yet available.

- (2) Where actionable unauthorised building works associated with SDFs are identified, the BD will issue removal orders against the owners concerned and consider instigating prosecution against owners who fail to comply with the orders. As regards SDFs used for domestic purpose in industrial buildings, the BD will also issue discontinuation orders against the owners requiring the cessation of the domestic use. In case of non-compliance, the BD will institute prosecution against the owner concerned, and consider applying to the court for a closure order to close down the premises and arranging government contractors to carry out the necessary rectification works.

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