

**CONTROLLING OFFICER'S REPLY****DEVB(PL)100****(Question Serial No. 3180)**

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Question:

- Continued to implement the revised enforcement policy against unauthorised building works (UBWs) introduced since April 2011 and respond to reports on UBWs from members of the public.

What is the progress regarding the implementation of the enforcement policy against UBWs, including the numbers of UBWs handled and UBWs to be handled? What is the expenditure related to UBWs since the implementation of the policy?

Asked by: Hon WONG Ting-kwong (Member Question No. 52)

Reply:

The numbers of unauthorised building works (UBWs) removed and irregularities rectified since 2011 are tabulated as follows -

<b>Year</b>	<b>No. of UBWs removed and Irregularities rectified</b>
2011	17 879
2012	13 581
2013	14 972
2014	22 866
2015	24 362
2016	26 430
2017 (Estimate)	28 000

Enforcement action against UBWs is carried out by the 633 professional and technical staff of the two Existing Buildings Divisions, the Mandatory Building Inspection Division and the Minor Works and Signboard Control Section of the BD in 2016-17 as part of their overall duties to implement the BD's building safety and maintenance enforcement programmes. We are not able to provide a breakdown of the manpower resources and expenditure involved solely for enforcement action against UBWs.

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