

CONTROLLING OFFICER'S REPLY**DEVB(PL)285****(Question Serial No. 4431)**

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Question:

In connection with industrial buildings (domestic), please provide the numbers of inspections, prosecutions and tenants involved, as well as court convictions and tenants involved in the past five years, broken down by district.

Asked by: Hon SHIU Ka-chun (Member Question No. 170)

Reply:

Insofar as premises (including sub-divided flats) used for domestic purpose in industrial buildings (IBs) are concerned, apart from responding to reports, the Buildings Department (BD) has been taking enforcement actions to eradicate such premises in an orderly and systematic manner through large scale operations since April 2012. The BD does not compile statistics on the number of tenants involved in prosecution and conviction cases. Information on the geographical distribution of IB premises inspected, prosecutions instigated against failure to comply with removal orders or discontinuation orders, and convictions for the past five years is set out below -

District	No. of IB Premises inspected	No. of Prosecutions instigated against Non-compliance with Removal Orders/ Discontinuation Orders⁽¹⁾	No. of Convictions⁽¹⁾
Eastern	22	0	0
Southern	19	0	0
Wong Tai Sin	106	0	0
Kwun Tong	397	0	0
Yau Tsim Mong	134	0	0
Sham Shui Po	97	0	0
Kowloon City	74	14	14
Sai Kung	1	0	0

District	No. of IB Premises inspected	No. of Prosecutions instigated against Non-compliance with Removal Orders/ Discontinuation Orders⁽¹⁾	No. of Convictions⁽¹⁾
Sha Tin	70	0	0
Tai Po	1	0	0
Tsuen Wan	448	18	18
Tuen Mun	223	0	0
Yuen Long	1	0	0
Kwai Tsing	271	0	0
Total	1 864	32	32

Note⁽¹⁾: The number of prosecutions/convictions does not necessarily correspond to the IB premises inspected in the same period.

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