

**CONTROLLING OFFICER'S REPLY****DEVB(PL)288****(Question Serial No. 4434)**

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Question:

Please provide the numbers of units classified by the Buildings Department as unlawful residential units (broken down by district and type) in the past five years and the number of residents involved.

Asked by: Hon SHIU Ka-chun (Member Question No. 173)

Reply:

There is no clear definition of “unlawful residential units”. Unauthorised rooftop structures and sub-divided flats (SDFs) used for domestic purpose are the most common types of domestic structures dealt with by the Buildings Department (BD) under its enforcement programme against unauthorised building works.

The BD does not compile statistics on the number of unauthorised rooftop structures identified. The geographical distribution of SDFs with irregularities identified in the past five years is as follows -

<b>District</b>	<b>No. of SDFs with Irregularities identified</b>
Central and Western	62
Wan Chai	38
Eastern	120
Southern	3
Wong Tai Sin	10
Kwun Tong	54
Yau Tsim Mong	591
Sham Shui Po	793
Kowloon City	420
North	7
Sha Tin	27
Tai Po	7

<b>District</b>	<b>No. of SDFs with Irregularities identified</b>
Tsuen Wan	33
Tuen Mun	11
Yuen Long	31
Kwai Tsing	42
<b>Total</b>	<b>2 249</b>

The BD does not compile statistics on the number of tenants in unauthorised rooftop structures or SDFs.

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