

**CONTROLLING OFFICER'S REPLY****DEVB(PL)294****(Question Serial No. 3836)**

Head: (82) Buildings Department

Subhead (No. & title): (000) Operational Expenses

Programme: (1) Buildings and Building Works

Controlling Officer: Director of Buildings (CHEUNG Tin-cheung)

Director of Bureau: Secretary for Development

Question:

Would the Bureau inform this Committee of the numbers of summonses and advisory letters issued, prosecutions and successful prosecutions instigated, and convictions made against irregularities of building works associated with sub-divided flats in the past three years, broken down by years (from 1 April to 31 March of the following year)?

Asked by: Hon YEUNG Alvin (Member Question No. 70)

Reply:

The Buildings Department does not compile statistics on the number of advisory letters issued against unauthorised building works (UBWs) associated with sub-divided flats (SDFs). The numbers of summonses served in prosecutions and convictions in connection with non-compliance with removal orders for UBWs associated with SDFs are tabulated as follows -

<b>Financial Year</b>	<b>Summonses served</b>	<b>Convictions<sup>(1)</sup></b>
2014-15	64	76
2015-16	59	56
2016-17 <sup>(2)</sup>	73	48
<b>Total</b>	<b>196</b>	<b>180</b>

Notes <sup>(1)</sup> The number of convictions does not necessarily correspond to the prosecutions instigated in the same period.

<sup>(2)</sup> Figures are up to 28 February 2017.

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