

**CONTROLLING OFFICER'S REPLY****DEVB(PL)299****(Question Serial No. 6393)**

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Question:

Regarding unauthorised building works (UBWs) in New Territories Exempted Houses, can the Government inform this Committee:

- 1) of the numbers of houses inspected in each of the past three years, of which how many were identified as First Round Targets?
- 2) of the number of houses identified as "First Round Targets" with UBWs being restored to a lawful standard?

Asked by: Hon YIU Chung-yim (Member Question No. 311)

Reply:

Statistics on the numbers of New Territories Exempted Houses (NTEHs) surveyed, NTEHs with suspected First Round Targets and removal orders issued in the past three years are tabulated below -

<b>Year</b>	<b>NTEHs inspected</b>	<b>NTEHs with suspected First Round Targets</b>	<b>NTEHs with removal orders issued</b>
2014	5 210	586	180
2015	5 274	434	137
2016	4 437	577	24

Amongst the NTEHs served with removal orders for First Round Targets in the past three years, 89 NTEHs had complied with the removal orders as at end of 2016. The Buildings Department will continue to closely monitor the compliance status of the remaining NTEHs with outstanding removal orders and consider instigating prosecution against owners who fail to comply with removal orders without reasonable excuse.

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