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Question:

The Department will continue to carry out comprehensive clearance of unauthorised building works on rooftops, flat roofs, yards and lanes. What are the manpower and estimated expenditure involved this year, and what is the increase as compared with last year?

The number of reports from members of the public attended to in 2017 decreased by over 10% comparing with 2016. What are the reasons for that? How will the Department enhance the efficiency in attending to reports, issuing removal orders and instigating prosecutions?

Asked by: Hon CHENG Chung-tai (Member Question No. (LegCo use): 15)

Reply:

In 2018, the Large Scale Operations (LSOs) for removing unauthorised building works (UBWs) on rooftops, flat roofs, yards and lanes will continue to be carried out by the 434 professional and technical staff of the two Existing Buildings Divisions (EBDs) of the Buildings Department (BD) as part of their overall duties to implement BD's building safety and maintenance enforcement programmes. We are not able to provide a breakdown of the manpower and estimated expenditure involved solely for the LSOs.

The decrease in the number of reports from members of the public attended to in 2017 compared with 2016 was due to fewer reports being received from the public in 2017. To enhance the efficiency in attending to reports on UBWs, issuing removal orders and instigating prosecutions, BD has upgraded its Building Condition Information System to enhance the monitoring on the progress of enforcement actions and streamlined its operational procedures.

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