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Question:

As regards the inspection of sub-divided flats, the number of target buildings was reduced from 308 to 100 buildings from 2014 to 2016. Is there an increase in the number of target buildings this year? What are the manpower and estimated expenditures involved?

Asked by: Hon CHENG Chung-tai (Member Question No. (LegCo use): 16)

Reply:

Since 2015, the number of target building of the large scale operations (LSOs) on inspection of sub-divided flats (SDFs) and rectification of building irregularities of SDFs has been reduced in order to redeploy resources to complete outstanding LSOs and clear the backlog of outstanding removal orders.

In 2018, the Buildings Department (BD) will continue to mount LSOs on SDFs in 100 target buildings. Apart from LSOs, BD also follows up on public reports on SDFs. In 2017, BD received 3 647 public reports in this regard, in which BD identified SDFs in 1 568 reports. Among these 1 568 reports, 34 SDFs were found to be associated with building irregularities necessitating issue of removal orders.

In 2018-19, the LSOs will be carried out by 434 professional and technical staff of the two Existing Buildings Divisions of 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 on inspection of SDFs.

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