

**CONTROLLING OFFICER'S REPLY**

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Question:

The authorities have inspected 3 045 and 2 230 sub-divided flats (SDFs) respectively in the past two years. In this connection:

- a. what are the respective numbers of successful entry into the unit and carrying out of inspection by the staff of the Buildings Department in the past two years?
- b. what are the numbers of units identified with more than one unauthorised building works or alteration in the past two years?
- c. what is the percentage of rectified SDFs against the total SDFs requiring rectification in the past two years?
- d. what are the changes in manpower and estimated expenditure allocated to inspect SDFs in the coming year?

Asked by: Hon LAU Kwok-fan (Member Question No. (LegCo use): 65)

Reply:

- a. & b. The Buildings Department (BD) does not compile statistics on the number of successful entry into sub-divided flats (SDFs), the number of inspections carried out by BD staff, and the number of units identified with more than one unauthorised building works or alteration for the past two years.
- c. In the past two years, 528 SDFs were identified with building irregularities requiring rectification, and irregularities at 507 SDFs were rectified. The rectified SDFs do not necessarily correspond to the SDFs identified with irregularities in this period.

- d. In 2018-19, enforcement action against building irregularities associated with SDFs will continue to 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 resources and expenditure involved solely for carrying out enforcement action in relation to SDFs.

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