

CONTROLLING OFFICER'S REPLY**DEVB(PL)111****(Question Serial No. 1225)**

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Question:

In respect of Matters Requiring Special Attention in 2018-2019, it is mentioned that the Department will “continue the large scale operation (LSO) on comprehensive clearance of UBWs on rooftops, flat roofs, yards and lanes of target buildings”. Please list the number and names of target buildings involved, broken down by the 18 districts. What are the changes in the target buildings, the staff establishment for the LSO and the estimated expenditure as compared with the past three years?

Asked by: Hon LAU Kwok-fan (Member Question No. (LegCo use): 66)

Reply:

In 2018, the Buildings Department (BD) will mount large scale operation (LSO) on comprehensive clearance of unauthorised building works (UBWs) on rooftops, flat roofs, yards and lanes in 80 target buildings. Disclosure of the list of target buildings may affect the enforcement action that will be taken by BD. It is therefore inappropriate to disclose the names of the target building that will be involved in the 2018-19 LSO.

The numbers of target buildings under the aforesaid LSO in the past three years and 2018 are tabulated as follows –

	2015	2016	2017	2018
No. of target buildings	190	80	80	80

The LSO will be carried out by the professional and technical staff of the two Existing Buildings Divisions (EBDs) 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 expenditure involved solely for the LSO. The manpower of the EBDs for implementing BD's building safety and maintenance enforcement programmes in the past three years and 2018-19 is tabulated below –

	2015-16	2016-17	2017-18	2018-19
Number of professional and technical staff	376	414	434	434

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