

CONTROLLING OFFICER'S REPLY**DEVB(PL)119****(Question Serial No. 2959)**

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Question:

Would the authorities provide the following information on private permanent buildings in Kwai Tsing and Tsuen Wan:

1. Please list in table form the respective statistics on private permanent buildings aged 50 or above, 45 to 49 and 40 to 44 in the districts concerned.
2. Please set out the numbers of structural safety inspections and repair orders issued against these private permanent buildings in the past three years and the progress of follow-up work.
3. In respect of the above districts, are there any plans for the authorities to commit more resources to handling the cases in the coming financial year? If so, please specify the ranks and number of posts involved as well as the expenditure for the additional staffing establishment.

Asked by: Hon MAK Mei-kuen, Alice (Member Question No. (LegCo use): 15)

Reply:

1. According to the records of the Buildings Department (BD), the number of private buildings aged 40 to 44, 45 to 49 and 50 years or above in Kwai Tsing and Tsuen Wan Districts as at 31 December 2017 are tabulated below –

District	Building age (years)		
	40-44	45-49	50 or above
Kwai Tsing	150	63	21
Tsuen Wan	80	131	167

2. BD does not compile statistics on the number of inspections made in connection with the above buildings. In the past three years, 12 repair orders and seven investigation orders were issued against these buildings and among these, one repair order and one investigation order were complied with. BD will continue to monitor the compliance status of the other outstanding orders.

3. Enforcement action against dilapidated buildings is carried out by the two Existing Buildings Divisions and the two Mandatory Building Inspection Sections of BD as part of their overall duties to implement BD's building safety and maintenance enforcement programmes. In 2018-19, 52 posts are to be created for enhancing building safety including strengthening enforcement actions and supporting the implementation of the Operation Building Bright 2.0. We are unable to provide a breakdown of the manpower and expenditure involved solely for handling dilapidated buildings in Kwai Tsing and Tsuen Wan Districts.

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