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Question:

It is mentioned in the Estimates that the Department “continued the large scale operation on comprehensive clearance of unauthorised building works (UBWs) on rooftops, flat roofs, yards and lanes in 80 buildings”. Please advise on:

the number of UBWs successfully removed in each of the past three years;

the expenditure earmarked for this purpose in this financial year.

Asked by: Hon OR Chong-shing, Wilson (Member Question No. (LegCo use): 54)

Reply:

In 2015, 2016 and 2017, 24 362, 26 430 and 27 683 unauthorised building works (UBWs) were removed respectively. The Buildings Department (BD) does not compile separate statistics on the number of UBWs removed from rooftops, flat roofs, yards and lanes.

In 2017-18, enforcement action against UBWs is carried out by 638 professional and technical staff of the two Existing Buildings Divisions, the Mandatory Building Inspection Division and the Minor Works and Signboard Control Section 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 expenditure involved solely for enforcement action against UBWs on rooftops, flat roofs, yards and lanes.

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