

**CONTROLLING OFFICER'S REPLY**

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Question:

1. In connection with industrial buildings used for domestic purpose, please provide the numbers of inspections, prosecutions and tenants involved, as well as court convictions and tenants involved in the past five years, broken down by district.
2. In connection with industrial buildings used for domestic purpose, please specify the numbers of inspections, prosecutions and tenants involved, as well as court convictions and tenants involved in 2017, broken down by district.

Asked by: Hon SHIU Ka-chun (Member Question No. (LegCo use): 7)

Reply:

Apart from responding to reports, the Buildings Department (BD) has been taking enforcement actions against illegal domestic use in industrial buildings (IBs) in an orderly and systematic manner through large scale operations since April 2012. BD does not compile statistics on the number of tenants involved in prosecution and conviction cases. Information on the geographical distribution of IB premises inspected, prosecutions instigated against failure to comply with removal orders or discontinuation orders, and convictions in the past five years and 2017 is set out below –

| District      | No. of IB premises inspected |            | No. of prosecutions instigated against non-compliance with removal orders/ discontinuation orders <sup>(1)</sup> |          | No. of convictions <sup>(1)</sup> |          |
|---------------|------------------------------|------------|--|----------|-----------------------------------|----------|
|               | 2013 – 2017                  | 2017       | 2013 – 2017  | 2017     | 2013 – 2017                       | 2017     |
| Eastern       | 27                           | 5          | 0  | 0        | 0                                 | 0        |
| Southern      | 22                           | 3          | 0  | 0        | 0                                 | 0        |
| Wong Tai Sin  | 93                           | 58         | 0  | 0        | 0                                 | 0        |
| Kwun Tong     | 523                          | 136        | 0  | 0        | 0                                 | 0        |
| Yau Tsim Mong | 124                          | 19         | 0  | 0        | 0                                 | 0        |
| Sham Shui Po  | 133                          | 32         | 0  | 0        | 0                                 | 0        |
| Kowloon City  | 85                           | 24         | 14   | 0        | 14                                | 0        |
| Sai Kung      | 1                            | 0          | 0  | 0        | 0                                 | 0        |
| Sha Tin       | 54                           | 32         | 0  | 0        | 0                                 | 0        |
| Tai Po        | 1                            | 0          | 0  | 0        | 0                                 | 0        |
| Tsuen Wan     | 449                          | 49         | 19   | 1        | 19                                | 1        |
| Tuen Mun      | 318                          | 99         | 0  | 0        | 0                                 | 0        |
| Yuen Long     | 12                           | 11         | 0  | 0        | 0                                 | 0        |
| Kwai Tsing    | 364                          | 119        | 0  | 0        | 0                                 | 0        |
| <b>Total</b>  | <b>2 206</b>                 | <b>587</b> | <b>33</b>  | <b>1</b> | <b>33</b>                         | <b>1</b> |

Note <sup>(1)</sup>: The figures do not necessarily correspond to the IB premises inspected in the same period.

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