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Question:

In connection with suspected unlawful residential units, please provide the numbers of inspections, prosecutions and tenants involved, as well as court convictions and tenants involved in the past five years.

Asked by: Hon SHIU Ka-chun (Member Question No. (LegCo use): 129)

Reply:

There is no clear definition of “unlawful residential units”. Unauthorised rooftop structures and subdivided flats (SDFs) used for domestic purpose are the most common types of structures dealt with by the Buildings Department (BD) under its enforcement programme against unauthorised building works (UBWs).

As regards rooftop UBWs, BD does not compile statistics on the numbers of inspections made and tenants involved in prosecution/conviction cases. In the past five years, 2 715 prosecutions were instigated against failure to comply with removal orders in relation to rooftop UBWs and the number of convictions was 1 969.

As regards SDFs, BD does not compile statistics on the number of tenants involved in prosecution and conviction cases. In the past five years, 12 171 SDFs were inspected. 664 prosecutions were instigated against non-compliance with removal orders or discontinuation orders and the number of convictions was 485.

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