

**CONTROLLING OFFICER'S REPLY**

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Question:

In connection with rooftop structures (or temporary 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): 130)

Reply:

The Buildings Department (BD) takes enforcement action against unauthorised building works (UBWs) on rooftops in response to public reports and through its large scale operations. BD does not compile statistics on the number of tenants involved in prosecution and conviction cases or maintain separate statistics on the use of rooftop UBWs and the number of inspections made in connection with rooftop UBWs. The numbers of prosecution and conviction cases in connection with non-compliance with removal orders for rooftop UBWs from January 2013 to December 2017 are 2 715 and 1 969 respectively. The number of convictions does not necessarily correspond to the prosecutions instigated in the same period.

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