## Examination of Estimates of Expenditure 2018-19

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#### CONTROLLING OFFICER'S REPLY

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#### Question:

With reference to Reply Serial No. DEVB(PL)107:

In order to expedite the removal of dangerous signboards, will there be any measures to step up enforcement actions against unauthorised signboards?

Asked by: Hon OR Chong-shing, Wilson

## Reply:

The Buildings Department (BD) will continue to take enforcement action against unauthorised signboards in response to public reports and through its large scale operations, viz., removing/validating unauthorised signboards and removing dangerous/abandoned signboards. In 2018, it is estimated that 800 removal orders will be issued, 1 050 unauthorised signboards will be removed/validated and 1 200 dangerous/abandoned signboards will be removed/repaired. BD will also redeploy resources to step up enforcement actions against difficult cases and enhance efforts in public education and publicity to raise public awareness of building safety issues related to unauthorised signboards.