

**CONTROLLING OFFICER'S REPLY**

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Question:

The following questions are raised regarding the handling of loan applications under the Comprehensive Building Safety Improvement Loan Scheme for fire safety improvement works :

1. What is the number of such applications and the amount of fund involved in the past three years?
2. How many of the above applications have been processed, and what are the details of the building types and the geographical distribution of the buildings involved? Besides, how many of these applications are yet to be processed, and what is the expected time for completion and the amount of fund involved?

Asked by: Hon CHAN Han-pan (LegCo internal reference no.: 29)

Reply:

1. & 2. Administered and vetted by the Buildings Department (BD), the Comprehensive Building Safety Improvement Loan Scheme (the Scheme) provides loans to individual owners of private buildings who wish to obtain financial assistance in carrying out maintenance and repair works to reinstate or improve the safety conditions of their buildings and/or private slopes, including fire safety improvement works.

In the past three years (viz. 2016 to 2018), 2 237 applications were received. Among them, 1 514 applications involving 564 buildings were approved. The total amount of loan approved was around \$118 million. The geographical distribution of these buildings is tabulated below –

<b>District</b>	<b>Number of buildings</b>
Central & Western	62
Eastern	65
Islands	1
Kowloon City	71
Kwai Tsing	10
Kwun Tong	30
North	6
Sai Kung	9
Shatin	25
Sham Shui Po	45
Southern	12
Tai Po	12
Tsuen Wan	8
Tuen Mun	15
Wan Chai	57
Wong Tai Sin	26
Yau Tsim Mong	82
Yuen Long	28
<b>Total</b>	<b>564</b>

BD does not compile separate statistics on the number of applications for fire safety improvement works and the types of buildings with application approved under the Scheme.

Among the 2 237 applications received in the past three years, about 17% of the cases are pending the submission of required information from the applicants. Upon receipt of the outstanding information, BD will inform the applicants of the results of applications within three weeks. BD does not compile statistics on the amount of loan fund involved in the cases being processed.

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