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Question:

Regarding the large scale operation on inspection of sub-divided flats (SDFs) in 2018, please inform this Committee of A.) Buildings Department's definition of SDFs and B.) the detailed results of the operation, including 1.) the details of target buildings, 2.) the number of SDFs identified, 3.) the number of SDFs with irregularities identified, and 4.) the number of SDFs rectified.

Asked by: Hon HO Kai-ming (LegCo internal reference no.: 10)

Reply:

- A.) "Sub-divided flats" (SDFs) are not defined under the Buildings Ordinance (Cap. 123). The term generally refers to cases where a unit is subdivided into two or more smaller self-contained domestic units. Each of these smaller units usually has its own toilet. Pursuant to the prevailing enforcement policy, the Buildings Department (BD) takes enforcement actions against building irregularities associated with SDFs.
- B.) BD has been conducting large scale operations (LSOs) for rectifying building irregularities associated with SDFs. In 2018, BD continued the LSOs on SDFs in 100 target buildings, comprising 80 domestic/composite buildings and 20 industrial buildings. The numbers of SDFs inspected, SDFs with irregularities identified and SDFs rectified of irregularities under these LSOs in 2018 are 419, 500 and 213 respectively. The latter two figures do not necessarily correspond to the SDFs inspected in 2018.

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