

CONTROLLING OFFICER'S REPLY

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Head: (82) Buildings Department
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Controlling Officer: Director of Buildings (CHEUNG Tin-cheung)
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Question:

Regarding the Mandatory Window Inspection Scheme (MWIS), please inform this Committee:

- 1.) of the number of notices issued in the past three years but not yet discharged;
- 2.) of the number of notices issued to commercial buildings and hotels in the past three years;
- 3.) of the number of fixed penalty notices issued or prosecution instigated against non-compliance with an MWIS notice in the past three years;
- 4.) of the staff establishment for MWIS.

Asked by: Hon HO Kai-ming (LegCo internal reference no.: 13)

Reply:

- 1.) As at 31 December 2018, 27 649 of the 136 684 statutory notices issued under the Mandatory Window Inspection Scheme (MWIS) in the past three years had not been discharged, including 11 076 statutory notices whereby the compliance periods had yet to expire.
- 2.) In the past three years, 5 423 and 5 MWIS statutory notices were issued to commercial buildings and hotels respectively.
- 3.) In the past three years, while no prosecution was instigated against non-compliance with MWIS statutory notices, the Buildings Department (BD) issued 2 917 fixed penalty notices against owners who failed to comply with MWIS statutory notices.

- 4.) MWIS is implemented by 160 professional and technical staff of the Mandatory Building Inspection Sections of BD as part of their overall duties. BD is unable to provide a breakdown of the staff establishment solely for MWIS.

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