

**CONTROLLING OFFICER'S REPLY****DEVB(PL)119****(Question Serial No. 2614)**

Head: (82) Buildings Department

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Question:

Regarding unauthorised building works in village houses as identified First Round Targets, please list the numbers of removal orders issued by the Buildings Department and cases with orders complied with in the past five years by village districts and provide the manpower and expenditure required.

District village		2014	2015	2016	2017	2018
	No. of removal orders issued					
	No. of removal orders complied with					

Asked by: Hon KWOK Ka-ki (LegCo internal reference no.: 26)

Reply:

In line with the enhanced enforcement strategy against unauthorised building works (UBWs) in New Territories Exempted Houses (NTEHs), the Buildings Department (BD) has been conducting village by village surveys of NTEHs to identify UBWs that constitute serious contravention of the law and pose higher potential risks to building safety (i.e. the First Round Targets) for priority enforcement action. The numbers of removal orders issued against First Round Targets and removal orders complied with in the past five years by districts are tabulated below –

District	2014		2015		2016		2017		2018	
	(A)	(B) <sup>(1)</sup>	(A)	(B) <sup>(1)</sup>	(A)	(B) <sup>(1)</sup>	(A)	(B) <sup>(1)</sup>	(A)	(B) <sup>(1)</sup>
Islands	6	1	9	2	1	5	0	3	0	2
Kwai Tsing	2	4	0	1	0	0	0	0	0	0
North	15	19	22	8	16	17	6	10	24	9
Sai Kung	20	30	8	12	19	12	15	7	16	8
Sha Tin	40	19	7	15	13	9	2	8	10	3
Tai Po	56	15	37	23	14	16	6	23	15	10
Tsuen Wan	20	4	17	12	2	9	2	5	2	0
Tuen Mun	59	16	64	26	6	26	4	17	19	7
Yuen Long	103	22	55	20	38	30	31	32	60	18
<b>Total</b>	<b>321</b>	<b>130</b>	<b>219</b>	<b>119</b>	<b>109</b>	<b>124</b>	<b>66</b>	<b>105</b>	<b>146</b>	<b>57</b>

(A): Number of removal orders issued

(B): Number of removal orders complied with

Note <sup>(1)</sup>: The figures do not necessarily correspond to the number of removal orders issued in the same year.

Enforcement action against First Round Targets in NTEHs is carried out by 37 professional and technical staff of the Village Houses Section of BD as part of their overall duties in implementing the enhanced enforcement strategy against UBWs in NTEHs. BD is unable to provide a breakdown of the manpower and expenditure incurred solely for this task.

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