

**CONTROLLING OFFICER'S REPLY****DEVB(PL)121****(Question Serial No. 2445)**

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Question:

Please inform this Committee of the following:

- (i) Regarding unauthorised building works (UBWs) in various types of buildings in the urban area, what were the numbers of removal orders issued and prosecutions instigated in the past three years? What was the total amount of fine imposed for such UBWs in each year?
- (ii) Regarding UBWs in New Territories village houses, what were the numbers of removal orders issued and prosecutions instigated in the past three years? What was the total amount of fine imposed for such UBWs in each year?
- (iii) For prosecution cases against UBWs on rooftops, flat roofs, yards and lanes, what was the distribution by type in the past three years?

Asked by: Hon LAM Cheuk-ting (LegCo internal reference no.: 44)

Reply:

- (i) As regards the enforcement actions against unauthorised building works (UBWs) in buildings other than New Territories Exempted Houses (NTEHs), the numbers of removal orders issued and prosecutions instigated, and the total amount of fines for non-compliance with removal orders in the past three years are tabulated as follows –

<b>Year</b>	<b>No. of removal orders issued <sup>(1)</sup></b>	<b>No. of prosecutions <sup>(1)</sup></b>	<b>Total amount of fines <sup>(1)</sup> (\$ million)</b>
2016	12 372	3 161	11.07
2017	12 610	3 139	12.53
2018	12 246	3 207	15.71

Note <sup>(1)</sup>: The figures do not necessarily correspond to those in other columns.

- (ii) Regarding the enforcement actions against UBWs in NTEHs, the numbers of removal orders issued and prosecutions instigated, and the total amount of fines for non-compliance with removal orders in the past three years are tabulated as follows –

<b>Year</b>	<b>No. of removal orders issued <sup>(2)</sup></b>	<b>No. of prosecutions <sup>(2)</sup></b>	<b>Total amount of fines <sup>(2)</sup> (\$ million)</b>
2016	529	201	1.17
2017	572	230	1.44
2018	573	153	1.24

Note <sup>(2)</sup>: The figures do not necessarily correspond to those in other columns.

- (iii) The numbers of prosecutions instigated against non-compliance with removal orders for rooftop, flat roof, yard and lane UBWs in the past three years are tabulated as follows –

<b>Year</b>	<b>No. of prosecutions</b>		
	<b>Rooftop UBWs</b>	<b>Flat roof UBWs</b>	<b>Yard/lane UBWs</b>
2016	623	720	221
2017	649	807	218
2018	636	867	203

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