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Question:

Regarding Operation Building Bright 2.0 (OBB 2.0), please inform this Committee:

- 1) of the details, lot number and age of the 70 buildings targeted for inspection and repair as default works under OBB 2.0 in 2018, broken down by district;
- 2) of the estimated number of target buildings which require inspection and repair in 2019-20 and the expenditure involved.

Asked by: Hon WU Chi-wai (LegCo internal reference no.: 31)

Reply:

- 1) To protect public safety, the Government has earmarked \$3 billion to launch Operation Building Bright 2.0 (OBB 2.0) to provide technical and financial assistance to eligible building owners to carry out prescribed inspection and repair works under the Mandatory Building Inspection Scheme (MBIS).

There are two categories of buildings under OBB 2.0, namely Category 1 and Category 2 buildings. Category 1 buildings are those whose owners are prepared to take up the organisation of the inspection and repair works for their buildings under MBIS. Category 2 buildings cover those which have outstanding MBIS notices but the owners concerned have difficulties in coordinating the inspection and repair works (e.g. 3-nil buildings). The Buildings Department (BD) proactively selects Category 2 buildings on a risk basis and exercises its statutory power to carry out the requisite inspection and repairs works in default of owners, and seeks to recover the cost from owners concerned afterwards. Eligible owners of Category 2 buildings may claim subsidies under OBB 2.0 to cover all or part of such cost.

The geographical and age distribution of the 70 Category 2 buildings selected in 2018 are tabulated below –

Districts	Number of Buildings		
	50 to 59 years	60 years or above	Total
Central & Western	1	4	5
Eastern	1	4	5
Southern	0	1	1
Wan Chai	1	0	1
Sham Shui Po	9	14	23
Yau Tsim Mong	10	4	14
Kowloon City	3	14	17
Tsuen Wan	4	0	4
Total	29	41	70

- 2) The Government expects that the funding under OBB 2.0 would be able to support the commissioning of inspection and repair works of 2 500 buildings (under both Category 1 and 2) over the five-year period beginning 2018-19. Based on current projections, the estimated cash flow requirement in 2019-20 is \$530 million, covering around 500 buildings.

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