

CONTROLLING OFFICER'S REPLY**DEVB(PL)278****(Question Serial No. 4184)**

Head: (82) Buildings Department

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Programme: (1) Buildings and Building Works

Controlling Officer: Director of Buildings (CHEUNG Tin-cheung)

Director of Bureau: Secretary for Development

Question:

Among the minor works applications received by the Buildings Department in the last five years, please state the numbers of applications for converting units in domestic/composite buildings into sub-divided domestic units, as well as the numbers of applications approved, their geographical distribution and the numbers of converted units and sub-divided domestic units involved.

Asked by: Hon CHU Hoi-dick (LegCo internal reference no.: 1075)

Reply:

With the Minor Works Control System, building owners may carry out minor works under simplified requirements without the need to obtain prior approval and consent of the Buildings Department (BD) before the commencement of such works.

Class I minor works item 1.41 regulates the subdivision of a domestic flat into three or more rooms, at least three of which are provided with lavatories or other sanitary fitments, and the resulting number of such rooms in the flat is greater than that shown on the approved plan.

The number of minor works submissions involving minor works item 1.41 received by the BD in the past five years is tabulated as follows –

Year	Number of Notices of Commencement⁽¹⁾	Number of Certificates of Completion^{(1) & (2)}
2014	357	295
2015	221	257
2016	83	91
2017	126	99
2018	118	59
Total	905	801

Note ⁽¹⁾: Each submission may involve more than one minor works item or one unit.

Note ⁽²⁾: The number of certificates of completion received may not necessarily correspond to the number of notice of commencement received in the same year.

BD does not compile statistics on the geographical distribution of the above minor works submissions and the number of converted units/sub-divided domestic units involved in these submissions.

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