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Question:

1. In connection with industrial buildings used for domestic purpose, please provide the numbers of inspections, prosecutions and tenants involved, as well as court convictions and tenants involved in the past five years, broken down by district.
2. In connection with industrial buildings used for domestic purpose, please specify the numbers of inspections, prosecutions and tenants involved, as well as court convictions and tenants involved in 2018, broken down by district.

Asked by: Hon SHIU Ka-chun (LegCo internal reference no.: 388)

Reply:

Apart from responding to reports, the Buildings Department (BD) has been taking enforcement actions against illegal domestic use in industrial buildings (IBs) in an orderly and systematic manner through large scale operations since April 2012. BD does not compile statistics on the number of tenants involved in prosecution and conviction cases. Information on the geographical distribution of IB premises inspected, prosecutions instigated against failure to comply with removal orders or discontinuation orders, and convictions in the past five years and 2018 is set out below –

District	Number of IB premises inspected		Number of prosecutions instigated against non-compliance with removal orders/ discontinuation orders ⁽¹⁾		Number of convictions ⁽¹⁾	
	2014 – 2018	2018	2014 – 2018	2018	2014 – 2018	2018
Eastern	29	2	0	0	0	0
Southern	29	9	0	0	0	0
Wong Tai Sin	128	35	0	0	0	0
Kwun Tong	592	100	1	1	0	0
Yau Tsim Mong	137	19	0	0	0	0
Sham Shui Po	138	14	0	0	0	0
Kowloon City	86	31	2	0	6	0
Sha Tin	60	6	0	0	0	0
Tai Po	1	0	0	0	0	0
Sai Kung	1	0	0	0	0	0
Tsuen Wan	480	31	11	1	14	1
Tuen Mun	303	24	0	0	0	0
Yuen Long	14	2	0	0	0	0
Kwai Tsing	385	58	0	0	0	0
Total	2 383	331	14	2	20	1

Note ⁽¹⁾: The figures do not necessarily correspond to the IBs premises inspected in the same period.

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