Examination of Estimates of Expenditure 2019-20

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Question:

In connection with rooftop structures, 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.

Asked by: Hon SHIU Ka-chun (LegCo internal reference no.: 391)

Reply:

The Building Department (BD) takes enforcement action against unauthorised building works (UBWs) on rooftops in response to public reports and through its large scale operations. BD does not compile statistics on the number of tenants involved in prosecution and conviction cases or maintain separate statistics on the number of inspections made in connection with rooftop UBWs. The geographical distribution of prosecutions and conviction cases in connection with non-compliance with removal orders for rooftop UBWs from 2014 to 2018 is as follows –

District	Number of prosecutions	Number of convictions (1)
Central and Western	89	69
Wan Chai	111	63
Eastern	186	141
Southern	24	15
Islands	36	20
Wong Tai Sin	121	97
Kwun Tong	215	182
Yau Tsim Mong	414	291
Sham Shui Po	175	129
Kowloon City	272	227

District	Number of prosecutions	Number of convictions (1)
North	144	78
Sha Tin	93	67
Tai Po	164	111
Sai Kung	111	89
Tsuen Wan	182	146
Tuen Mun	98	84
Yuen Long	251	185
Kwai Tsing	129	104
Total	2 815	2 098

Note (1): The figures do not necessarily correspond to the prosecutions instigated in the same period.