

CONTROLLING OFFICER'S REPLY**DEVB(PL)089****(Question Serial No. 1702)**Head: (82) Buildings DepartmentSubhead (No. & title): (-) Not SpecifiedProgramme: (1) Buildings and Building WorksControlling Officer: Director of Buildings (YU Tak-cheung)Director of Bureau: Secretary for DevelopmentQuestion:

- (1) It is mentioned in the Programme that the Buildings Department (BD) conducted surveys of New Territories Exempted Houses. Please provide information for the past three years in table form;

District Council district	Number of targeted villages to be inspected	Number of villages inspected	Number of cases with removal orders issued	Number of cases with irregularities rectified
North				
Tai Po				
Sai Kung				
Sha Tin				
Tuen Mun				
Yuen Long				
Tsuen Wan				
Kwai Tsing				
Islands				

- (2) tabulate the respective numbers of villages to be inspected this year, broken down by district of the New Territories District Councils;
- (3) provide an estimated time for completing the identification of the First Round Targets, based on BD's current projection.

Asked by: Hon CHAN Hak-kan (LegCo internal reference no.: 15)

Reply:

- (1) In line with the enhanced enforcement strategy against unauthorised building works (UBWs) in New Territories Exempted Houses (NTEHs), the Buildings Department (BD) has been conducting village by village surveys of NTEHs to identify UBWs that constitute serious contravention action of the law and pose higher potential risks to building safety (i.e. the First Round Targets) for priority enforcement action. The numbers of targeted villages to be inspected, villages inspected, removal orders issued and cases with irregularities rectified in the past three years by districts are tabulated below –

District	Number of targeted villages to be inspected	Number of villages inspected ⁽¹⁾	Number of removal orders issued ⁽²⁾	Number of cases with irregularities rectified ⁽³⁾
North	14	14	118	38
Tai Po	14	14	228	98
Sai Kung	14	14	117	46
Sha Tin	14	14	45	27
Tuen Mun	9	9	69	47
Yuen Long	14	14	307	92
Tsuen Wan	13	13	16	6
Kwai Tsing	0	0	0	0
Islands	14	14	12	10
Total	106	106	912	364

Note ⁽¹⁾: Surveys of the target villages selected in the past three years have commenced and the follow-up actions are ongoing.

Note ⁽²⁾: The figures do not necessarily correspond to the number of villages inspected in the same year.

Note ⁽³⁾: The figures do not necessarily correspond to the number of removal orders issued in the same year.

- (2) A breakdown of the numbers of targeted villages to be inspected in 2020 under village by village surveys by districts is set out below –

District	Number of targeted villages to be inspected
North	5
Tai Po	5
Sai Kung	5
Sha Tin	5
Tuen Mun	0
Yuen Long	7
Tsuen Wan	3
Kwai Tsing	0
Islands	5
Total	35

- (3) According to the “List of Recognised Villages under the New Territories Small House Policy” published by Lands Department in 2009, there are a total of 642 approved recognised villages in the territory. Among the 642 recognised villages, BD had surveyed 226 villages as of end 2019. Since the large number of NTEHs are scattered over an extensive area in the New Territories, BD has not conducted a detailed survey on the UBWs in all NTEHs and is unable to assess at this stage the time required for completing the identification of First Round Targets.