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Controlling Officer: Director of Buildings (YU Tak-cheung)

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Question:

It is mentioned in the Estimates that the Department “continued to take enforcement action against unauthorised building works (UBWs) and to require building owners to carry out necessary repairs to dilapidated buildings”. Please advise on:

the number of UBWs successfully removed in each of the past three years;

the expenditure earmarked for this purpose in this financial year.

Asked by: Hon OR Chong-shing, Wilson (LegCo internal reference no.: 14)

Reply:

In 2017, 2018 and 2019, 27 683, 27 534 and 28 374 unauthorised building works (UBWs) were removed respectively.

In 2020-21, enforcement action against UBWs will be carried out by 748 professional and technical staff of the two Existing Buildings Divisions, the Mandatory Building Inspection Division and the Minor Works and Signboard Control Section of the Buildings Department (BD) as part of their overall duties to implement BD’s building safety and maintenance enforcement programmes. We are not able to provide a breakdown of the expenditure involved solely for enforcement action against UBWs.

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