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Question:

With regard to the inspection of sub-divided flats (SDFs) by the Buildings Department, would the Government inform this Committee of the following:

- (a) the number of SDFs with irregularities identified and the number of removal orders issued against irregularities associated with such SDFs in 2019; and
- (b) the numbers of outstanding removal orders issued in the past three years and the numbers of prosecutions instigated against building owners who failed to comply with removal orders.

Asked by: Hon OR Chong-shing, Wilson (LegCo internal reference no.: 47)

Reply:

- (a) In 2019, the number of sub-divided flats (SDFs) with building irregularities identified and the number of removal orders issued in relation to building irregularities associated with such SDFs are 420 and 395 respectively.
- (b) The numbers of removal orders issued in 2017, 2018 and 2019 in relation to building irregularities associated with SDFs which were outstanding as at the end of 2019 were 172, 325 and 381 respectively. The numbers of prosecutions instigated against failure to comply with removal orders in relation to building irregularities in SDFs in 2017, 2018 and 2019 are 76, 131 and 112 respectively. The number of prosecutions instigated may not necessarily correspond to the number of removal orders issued in the same years.

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