

CONTROLLING OFFICER'S REPLY**DEVB(PL)108****(Question Serial No. 2347)**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:

With regard to sub-divided flats (SDFs) used for domestic purpose in industrial buildings (IBs), please inform this Committee of the following:

In the table below, please provide information on the enforcement action against building irregularities of SDFs in IBs.

Enforcement action against building irregularities of SDFs in IBs/Year	2017 (Actual)	2018 (Actual)	2019 (Actual)	2020 (Plan)
Number of inspections				
Number of discontinuation orders issued				Not applicable
Number of prosecutions instigated against non-compliance with discontinuation orders				Not applicable
Number of premises with irregularities for which closure orders were applied from the court				Not applicable
Number of premises for which government contractors were arranged to carry out the necessary rectification works				Not applicable

Asked by: Hon OR Chong-shing, Wilson (LegCo internal reference no.: 46)

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 (LSOs) since April 2012. Such enforcement actions against illegal domestic use in IBs may involve subdivided flats (SDFs).

Information on the numbers of premises (including SDFs) inspected, discontinuation orders issued, prosecutions instigated against non-compliance with discontinuation orders, premises where closure orders were applied from the court and premises where government contractors were arranged to rectify the irregularities in the past three years are tabulated below –

Enforcement action against illegal domestic use in IB premises (including SDFs) /Year	2017 (Actual)	2018 (Actual)	2019 (Actual)	2020 (Plan)
Number of premises inspected	587	331	414	Not applicable ⁽¹⁾
Number of discontinuation orders issued ⁽²⁾	33	39	35	
Number of prosecutions instigated against non-compliance with discontinuation orders ⁽²⁾	0	0	2	
Number of premises with irregularities for which closure orders were applied from the court	0	0	0	
Number of premises for which government contractors were arranged to carry out the necessary rectification works	0	0	0	

Note ⁽¹⁾: Apart from responding to reports, 20 IBs will be targeted for LSOs against illegal domestic use in 2020. BD is however unable to provide an estimate on the number of premises to be inspected and number of enforcement actions to be taken during the year.

Note ⁽²⁾: The figures do not necessarily correspond to the IB premises inspected in the same period.

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