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Question:

With reference to the written reply (Reply Serial No. FSTB(Tsy)055) from the Rating and Valuation Department (RVD) to Hon TO Kun-sun, James last year, it is stated that since August 2016, the Buildings Department (BD) would provide RVD on a quarterly basis with information on unauthorised building works (UBWs) in village houses identified in the course of BD's enforcement work. RVD will follow up on whether the village houses are eligible for rates exemption within designated village areas. What are the details of the quarterly report? Please also provide the numbers of UBWs in village houses identified, as well as their geographical distribution, statistics on irregularities, enforcement actions taken and status of the rectification works undertaken in each of the past five years.

Asked by: Hon CHAN Tanya (LegCo internal reference no.: 137)

Reply:

Since August 2016, the Buildings Department (BD) has been providing the Rating and Valuation Department on a quarterly basis with information on unauthorised buildings works (UBWs) in New Territories Exempted Houses (NTEHs) identified in the course of BD's enforcement work. The information in the quarterly reports comprise premises address, removal order number, date of issuance of order and date of irregularities rectified.

For UBWs identified in NTEHs, BD's enforcement actions include the issuance of removal orders and instigation of prosecution. The numbers of removal orders issued, cases with irregularities rectified and prosecutions instigated in the past five years by districts are tabulated below –

Year	2015			2016			2017			2018			2019		
	A	B ⁽¹⁾	C ⁽¹⁾	A	B ⁽¹⁾	C ⁽¹⁾	A	B ⁽¹⁾	C ⁽¹⁾	A	B ⁽¹⁾	C ⁽¹⁾	A	B ⁽¹⁾	C ⁽¹⁾
Islands	16	8	0	28	12	15	20	10	18	21	16	2	9	12	10
Kwai Tsing	1	2	0	2	1	0	1	0	0	0	1	0	0	0	0
North	41	16	0	51	43	13	73	47	48	72	70	22	111	40	28
Sai Kung	43	53	34	76	43	20	78	34	10	65	38	14	63	44	31
Sha Tin	21	24	11	26	19	9	28	25	2	39	17	16	37	23	12
Tai Po	75	43	15	115	64	39	191	83	67	124	112	51	169	100	23
Tsuen Wan	25	13	7	18	16	22	8	18	13	17	3	9	20	13	8
Tuen Mun	74	34	12	49	42	26	46	31	26	48	16	15	46	31	18
Yuen Long	119	43	18	164	75	57	127	83	46	187	48	24	347	113	31
Total	415	236	97	529	315	201	572	331	230	573	321	153	802	376	161

A : Number of removal orders issued (one order may involve more than one UBW)

B : Number of cases with irregularities rectified

C : Number of prosecutions instigated

Note ⁽¹⁾: The figures do not necessarily correspond to the number of removal orders issued in the same year.

BD does not compile statistics on the numbers of UBWs identified in NTEHs.