

CONTROLLING OFFICER'S REPLY**DEVB(PL)229****(Question Serial No. 5555)**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:

Please provide the numbers of complaints received and prosecutions instigated due to unauthorised alterations and obstructions of barrier-free facilities in buildings in the past five years.

Asked by: Hon CHEUNG Chiu-hung, Fernando (LegCo internal reference no.: 1066)

Reply:

Upon receiving reports on unauthorised alteration of barrier-free facilities in private buildings, the Buildings Department (BD) would verify, and if needed, issue statutory orders to direct the subject owners to carry out rectification works. BD would also take enforcement actions against unauthorised alterations of barrier-free facilities of target commercial buildings through large scale operations every year. The numbers of reports received, statutory orders issued and prosecutions instigated by BD against unauthorised alteration of barrier-free facilities in private buildings in the past five years are tabulated below –

	2015	2016	2017	2018	2019
Number of reports on unauthorised alteration of barrier-free facilities received	19	44	49	60	95
Number of statutory orders issued by BD against unauthorised alteration of barrier-free facilities ⁽¹⁾	13	14	6	30	36
Number of prosecutions instigated against failure to comply with statutory orders in connection with rectification of barrier-free facilities ⁽¹⁾	0	1	0	0	4

Note ⁽¹⁾: The number of orders issued and the number of prosecutions do not necessarily correspond to the reports received in the same year.

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