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Question:

Please list the respective numbers of inadequate housing (sub-divided flats in industrial buildings, squatters, rooftop structures and unauthorised building works) in the territory in the past three years.

Asked by: Hon SHIU Ka-chun (LegCo internal reference no.: 282)

Reply:

The Buildings Department does not compile statistics on the number of sub-divided units (SDUs) in industrial buildings, squatters, rooftop structures and unauthorised building works.

Separately, the Census and Statistics Department has collated information on the population and number of households residing in SDUs, as well as their socio-economic characteristics, etc., in the 2016 Population By-census (2016 BC). According to the results of the 2016 BC, there were some 92 700 SDUs involving 91 800 households in Hong Kong.

In addition, according to the Long Term Housing Strategy (LTHS) promulgated in 2014, the Government updates the long term housing demand projection annually, with a view to formulating the rolling ten-year housing supply target. One of the major demand components in the housing demand projection is the housing demand arising from inadequately housed households. Please refer to the latest LTHS Progress Report 2019 via the link (https://www.thb.gov.hk/eng/policy/housing/policy/lths/LTHS_Annual_Progress_Report_2019.pdf) for details of the report.

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