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Question:

1. In connection with industrial buildings used for domestic purpose, please provide the numbers of inspections, prosecutions and tenants involved, as well as court convictions and tenants involved in the past five years, broken down by district.
2. In connection with industrial buildings used for domestic purpose, please specify the numbers of inspections, prosecutions and tenants involved, as well as court convictions and tenants involved in 2019-20, broken down by district.

Asked by: Hon SHIU Ka-chun (LegCo internal reference no.: 286)

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 since April 2012. BD will issue discontinuation orders to the owners concerned requiring the cessation of illegal domestic use. Where actionable unauthorised building works are identified, BD will also issue removal orders to the owners concerned. BD does not compile statistics on the numbers of tenants involved in prosecution and conviction cases. Information on the geographical distribution of IB premises inspected, prosecutions instigated against failure to comply with removal orders or discontinuation orders, and convictions in the past five years and 2019-20 (as at end December 2019) is set out below –

District	Number of IB premises inspected		Number of prosecutions instigated ⁽¹⁾		Number of convictions ^{(1)&(2)}	
	2015 to 2019	2019-20 (April to Dec 2019)	2015 to 2019	2019-20 (April to Dec 2019)	2015 to 2019	2019-20 (April to Dec 2019)
Eastern	39	20	0	0	0	0
Southern	29	0	0	0	0	0
Wong Tai Sin	144	16	0	0	0	0
Kwun Tong	702	88	4	3	3	3
Yau Tsim Mong	186	48	0	0	0	0
Sham Shui Po	159	18	0	0	0	0
Kowloon City	146	56	0	0	4	0
Sha Tin	66	6	1	1	1	1
Tai Po	1	0	0	0	0	0
Sai Kung	1	0	0	0	0	0
Tsuen Wan	483	2	5	0	9	0
Tuen Mun	357	52	4	4	4	4
Yuen Long	14	0	0	0	0	0
Kwai Tsing	432	60	0	0	0	0
Total	2 759	366	14	8	21	8

Note ⁽¹⁾: The figures do not necessarily correspond to the IB premises inspected in the same period.

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