

CONTROLLING OFFICER'S REPLY**DEVB(PL)112****(Question Serial No. 2543)**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 sub-divided flats (SDFs) inspected by the Buildings Department, SDFs with building irregularities identified, SDFs with irregularities rectified, removal orders and closure orders issued in relation to building irregularities associated with those SDFs, non-compliant cases, prosecutions instigated and convictions in each of the past five years.

Asked by: Hon LEUNG Mei-fun, Priscilla (LegCo internal reference no.: 55)

Reply:

Enforcement against building irregularities associated with sub-divided flats (SDFs) is carried out through large scale operations and by acting on complaints/reports. Statistics on the numbers of SDFs inspected, SDFs with building irregularities identified, SDFs rectified of building irregularities, removal orders issued and closure orders applied from the court in relation to building irregularities associated with SDFs, outstanding removal orders, prosecutions instigated against non-compliance with removal orders and convictions in the past five years are tabulated below –

Year	2016	2017	2018	2019	2020
Number of SDFs inspected ⁽¹⁾	3 045	2 230	1 798	1 612	1 045
Number of SDFs with irregularities identified ⁽²⁾	262	266	604	420	311
Number of removal orders issued ⁽²⁾	255	300	599	438	321
Number of SDFs rectified of irregularities ^{(2)&(3)}	254	253	249	275	167

Year	2016	2017	2018	2019	2020
Number of closure orders applied from the court ^{(2)&(3)}	0	0	0	0	0
Number of prosecutions instigated ^{(2)&(3)}	126	77	131	112	68
Number of convictions ^{(2)&(3)}	85	79	79	94	34
Number of outstanding removal orders ⁽⁴⁾	112	156	264	336	271

Note ⁽¹⁾: The changes in SDFs inspected are mainly due to fewer public reports received and fewer SDFs identified in the reported cases.

Note ⁽²⁾: The figures do not necessarily correspond to the SDFs inspected in the same year.

Note ⁽³⁾: The figures do not necessarily correspond to the removal orders issued in the same year.

Note ⁽⁴⁾: The figures are for removal orders issued in the respective year and not yet complied with as at 31 December 2020. The figure for 2020 contains those removal orders with prescribed compliance dates yet to expire.

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