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Question:

With regard to the inspection of sub-divided flats (SDFs) in domestic/composite buildings by the Buildings Department, will the Government inform this Committee of the following:

- (a) What are the numbers of inspections regarding rectification of irregularities of building works associated with SDFs in the past three years?
- (b) What is the number of SDFs with irregularities identified and the number of removal orders issued against irregularities associated with such SDFs in 2020?
- (c) What is the number of outstanding removal orders issued and the number of prosecutions instigated against building owners who failed to comply with removal orders in 2020?

Asked by: Hon OR Chong-shing, Wilson (LegCo internal reference no.: 54)

Reply:

- (a) Inspection of sub-divided flats (SDFs) is carried out in response to public reports and in the form of large scale operations. In 2018, 2019 and 2020, the numbers of SDFs inspected in domestic/composite buildings are 1 460, 1 172 and 728 respectively. The decreases of figures in 2019 and 2020 are partly owing to fewer public reports received during the period. The Buildings Department does not compile statistics on the number of inspections regarding rectification of irregularities of building works associated with SDFs.
- (b) In 2020, the number of SDFs with building irregularities identified in domestic/composite buildings and the number of removal orders issued against building irregularities associated with such SDFs are 295 and 279 respectively.

- (c) As at the end of 2020, the number of removal orders issued in 2020 against building irregularities associated with SDFs in domestic/composite buildings which were outstanding was 242, of which 43 orders were yet to expire. The number of prosecutions instigated in 2020 against failure to comply with removal orders against building irregularities in SDFs in domestic/composite buildings is 68. The number of prosecutions instigated may not necessarily correspond to the number of removal orders issued in 2020.

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