

CONTROLLING OFFICER'S REPLY

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Head: (82) Buildings Department
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Question:

As regards new buildings, the Buildings Department scrutinises and approves building plans, carries out audit checks on construction works and site safety, and issues occupation permits upon completion of new buildings. In this connection, will the Government inform this Committee of the following in the past three years:

the numbers of audit checks on construction works and site safety of new buildings;
the numbers of discrepancies found during the audit checks; and
the numbers of discrepancies with the approved plans or the requirements of the Buildings Ordinance found before the issuance of occupation permits.

Asked by: Hon LEE Tsz-king, Dominic (LegCo internal reference no.: 9)

Reply:

Under the Buildings Ordinance (Cap. 123) (BO), the Buildings Department (BD) requires the registered building professionals and registered contractors responsible for the building works in private development projects to properly supervise the building works to ensure that the works are carried out in accordance with the approved plans, the BO and its subsidiary regulations. Furthermore, BD carries out site inspections and surprise checks to monitor the building works in construction sites, so as to ensure public safety and quality of works.

The numbers of site inspections (including surprise checks) carried out by BD in 2019, 2020 and 2021 were 12 216, 9 460 and 12 735 respectively. BD does not keep statistics with a breakdown on audit checks on construction works and on site safety of new buildings.

BD does not compile statistics on the numbers of discrepancies found during the audit checks and the numbers of discrepancies with the approved plans or the requirements of the BO found before the issuance of occupation permits. Under any circumstances, all building

works should be carried out in accordance with the approved plans and the BO, and BD would only issue an occupation permit upon satisfactory completion of works.

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