

CONTROLLING OFFICER'S REPLY

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Question:

In respect of issuing mandatory building inspection notices to existing buildings, the actual number of notices issued in 2021 amounted to 7 228 and the estimated number of notices to be issued in 2022 will be increased to 12 000. In this connection, will the Government inform this Committee of:

- a. the amount of resources and the staff establishment involved in executing this policy initiative; and
- b. major reasons for the prominent increase in the number of notices to be issued in 2022.

Asked by: Hon LOONG Hon-biu, Louis (LegCo internal reference no.: 6)

Reply:

The work performed by the Buildings Department (BD) with respect to the Mandatory Building Inspection Scheme (MBIS) is carried out by 195 professional and technical staff of the Mandatory Building Inspection Sections. Issuing MBIS notices are part of their overall duties and no breakdown could be provided solely for this task.

The estimated increase in the number of MBIS notices to be issued by BD in 2022 is projected based on the actual increase in the number of projections on the exteriors of target buildings selected in 2021 requiring inspection by property owners under MBIS.