## Examination of Estimates of Expenditure 2007-08

## CONTROLLING OFFICER'S REPLY TO INITIAL WRITTEN QUESTION

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## **Question**:

In 2007-08, the Buildings Department will continue to take enforcement action against unauthorised large glass panels, advertisement signboards and TV displays installed on the external walls of another batch of target buildings in areas with heavy pedestrian flow and commercial activities. What is the number of target buildings to be identified by the Department? Where are these buildings located?

Asked by: Hon. CHEUNG Hok-ming

## Reply:

We will continue to take enforcement action against the three types of unauthorised building works (UBWs) in question, i.e. unauthorised large glass panels, advertisement signboards and TV displays installed on the external walls of target buildings in areas with heavy pedestrian flow and commercial activities in our blitz operation for large-scale removal of UBWs in 2007-08. Most of the buildings in such areas have already been covered in the operation in 2006-07. There are another 1 000 target buildings identified for the blitz operation in 2007-08, and about 100 of them are situated in areas with heavy pedestrian flow and commercial activities. These some 100 buildings are mainly located in Tsimshatsui, Mongkok, Causeway Bay and Wanchai.

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