

Examination of Estimates of Expenditure 2003-04  
**CONTROLLING OFFICER'S REPLY TO**  
**WRITTEN/SUPPLEMENTARY QUESTION**

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Question :

Regarding the Matters Requiring Special Attention in 2003-04:

- (a) Please list out in detail the street names, building numbers and names of the buildings in Kwun Tong and Wong Tai Sin districts to be included in the 1 000 buildings targeted for carrying out special operation on clearance of unauthorized building works on the external walls in the coming year.
- (b) Please list out in detail the street names, building numbers and names of the buildings in Kwun Tong and Wong Tai Sin districts to be included in the 700 single-staircase buildings for clearance of illegal rooftop structures in the coming year.
- (c) How many public education and publicity programmes on the need for periodical safety inspection and maintenance of buildings will be organized in the coming year? Please list out the date(s) and venue(s).

Asked by : Hon. LI Wah-ming, Fred

Reply :

- (a) Buildings Department (BD) prepares the list of target buildings for clearance of unauthorized building works mainly to facilitate the programming of its work. The specific law enforcement action in respect of, for example, the necessary removal orders to be issued against individual owners, can only be determined after detailed inspections of the target buildings. Not all owners will necessarily be served with such orders eventually. The orders served will also vary in terms of the works required. BD will have to liaise with the owners and advise them on the relevant remedial measures. In order not to cause unnecessary concern and confusion among the owners of the target buildings, BD will not publish the list.
- (b) With regard to illegal rooftop structures on single-staircase buildings, an additional consideration is the need to safeguard against attempts to move into structures just before the clearance operation for possible re-housing. Again, BD will not publish the list.
- (c) In 2003, BD will hold a second round of "Secondary School Quiz Contest" to promote building maintenance. The contest aims to stimulate secondary school students' interest and to enhance their knowledge in building maintenance.

In the coming months, BD will also launch a new round of publicity campaign on building safety. Arrangements will be made to place advertisements on buses, at bus shelters,

KCR and MTR stations.

In addition, BD will arrange meetings for owners of ageing buildings at which they can make direct enquiries with relevant professional bodies about building maintenance.

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