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Question :

As stated in the Buildings Department's new service indicator, the number of warning notices issued against unauthorised building works in existing buildings is estimated to be 10 000 in 2005. This falls short tremendously from the Government's target of removing 180 000 unauthorised structures over a period of five years starting from 2006-07. Could the Government elaborate in detail the overall plan in this area?

Asked by : Hon. LAU Sau-shing, Patrick

Reply :

Issuing warning notices is but one of the measures we will take to tackle unauthorised building works (UBW). Warning notices serve to encourage owners to remove UBW voluntarily, failing which the notices will be registered in the Land Registry until the removal of the UBW concerned.

The main thrust of our effort to remove 180,000 UBW within 5 years starting from 2006-07 will be through issuing of removal orders and prosecuting owners who fail to comply with the orders. In 2005, we plan to issue 25,000 removal orders, remove 40,000 UBW and initiate 3,000 prosecutions against owners in default.

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