

**CONTROLLING OFFICER'S REPLY TO
SUPPLEMENTARY QUESTION**

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Head : 82 Buildings Department

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Question :

To provide information on the number of building repairs carried out under the "repair first and recover costs later" approach, the costs so incurred, and how successful the Administration has been in recovering the costs from the owners concerned.

Asked by : Hon. LAU Sau-shing, Patrick

Reply :

We do not have a breakdown for repairs, building investigations and removal of unauthorised building works carried out by Buildings Department in default of owners. The total number of repairs, building investigations and removals of unauthorised building works carried out by Buildings Department; and the cost incurred and recovered in the past three years are as follows :-

Year	No. of cases completed	Cost incurred \$M	Cost recovered from owners * \$M
2002	140	8.42	8.70
2003	188	5.99	11.17
2004	104	2.83	9.76
Total	432	17.24	29.63

* The cost recovered each year may include arrears for works completed before that year. The Department is in the process of recovering an outstanding amount of \$18 million involving 670 cases.

Signature

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Director of Buildings

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