

**CONTROLLING OFFICER'S REPLY TO
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Question : To provide information on the number of cases in the past few years where enforcement against unauthorised permanent attachments to structures has been successful, and on the costs and manpower resources so incurred.

Asked by : Hon. TO Kun-sun, James

Reply :

We understand that the focus of the question is on unauthorised permanent attachments to ground floor shops, i.e. unauthorised shopfront extensions. In this connection, the number of unauthorised shopfront extensions removed by our Department in the past three years are as follows :-

Year	No. of unauthorised shopfront extensions
2002	129
2003	108
2004	339

The number of such type of unauthorised structures removed formed part of the 40,000 unauthorised building works (UBWs) removed annually during the past three years. The enforcement work against UBWs was carried out by a total of 386 professional and technical officers. As the removal of shopfront extensions constituted only part of this enforcement work, it is not possible to provide a breakdown of the staff costs for removing unauthorised shopfront extensions.

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