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Question :

Please provide the details of the enforcement action against unauthorised large glass panels, advertisement signboards and TV displays installed on the external walls of buildings in 2006-07 and 2007-08. What are the amounts of expenditure involved?

Asked by : Hon. LEUNG Yiu-chung

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.

The above work is mainly handled by existing staff of BD, with part of it outsourced to private consulting firms at a cost of \$22 million for 2006-07 and an estimated cost of \$25 million for 2007-08.

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CHEUNG Hau-wai

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Director of Buildings

Date _____

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