

**CONTROLLING OFFICER'S REPLY TO
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Question :

In 2007-08, the Buildings Department will continue to take enforcement action against unauthorised large glass panels, advertisement signboards and TV displays installed on the external walls of buildings. Please list out the number of target buildings in each of the 18 districts in Hong Kong, as well as the staffing establishment and expenditure involved in this area of work in 2007-08.

Asked by : Hon. LI Kwok-ying

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. These some 100 buildings are mainly located in Tsimshatsui, Mongkok, Causeway Bay and Wanchai.

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

Signature _____

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