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Question :

In view of the potential danger posed to the public by unauthorised building works (UBWs), will the Government allocate additional resources to step up the inspection and clearance of UBWs?

Asked by : Hon. TAM Heung-man

Reply :

Starting from 2006-07, the Buildings Department (BD) has been allocated a total of \$830 million over a period of five years for enhancing building safety including removal of 180 000 UBWs. In 2006, BD targeted 1 169 buildings for such purpose and removed 48 479 UBWs. In tackling the problem of UBWs, BD will continue with the multi-pronged approach of removing dangerous and new UBWs, sustaining its large-scale clearance operations against external UBWs and reinforcing the safety message through various public education and publicity programmes.

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