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Question :

Regarding the buildings erected between 1946 and 1958 under inspection by the Buildings Department, please specify the number of buildings concerned, the manpower required for inspection, as well as the schedule for completion of inspection, removal of unauthorised building works and repair of buildings which were found dilapidated. At present, what is the number of old buildings aged 30 to 50 years in the whole territory? Will the Department reserve resources to help building owners carry out inspection?

Asked by : Hon. TO Kun-sun, James

Reply :

The total number of buildings erected between 1946 and 1958 is about 2 500 and all of them have already been inspected by the Buildings Department (BD) through our annual blitz operations or the special operation conducted in 2006. We have been following up the cases and will continue to issue removal/repair orders against the UBWs and irregularities identified during the inspections. We aim to complete the issuance of orders by the third quarter of 2007.

The above work is mainly handled by existing staff of BD and the resources allocated for the annual blitz operations. Regarding the special operation in 2006 for buildings erected between 1946 and 1958, BD outsourced part of the work to private consulting firms at a cost of \$6.5 million.

The total number of buildings aged 30 to 50 years in Hong Kong is about 11 800. BD has been taking enforcement actions against irregularities in this group of buildings through its annual blitz operations. Technical assistance and advice are provided for building owners to carry out inspections. Owners who require financial assistance can also apply for a loan under the Building Safety Improvement Loan Scheme.

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