

CONTROLLING OFFICER'S REPLY

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Controlling Officer: Director of Electrical and Mechanical Services (PANG Yiu-hung)

Director of Bureau: Secretary for the Environment

Question:

It is mentioned in the Controlling Officer's Report that a total of 991 sampling inspections of buildings were conducted in respect of the Mandatory Building Energy Code Scheme. According to the information of the Electrical and Mechanical Services Department (EMSD), the Director of Electrical and Mechanical Services will issue an improvement notice if statutory requirements or the code are contravened in a building. How many improvement notices were issued in each of the past five years? Please provide a breakdown of items stated in these improvement notices by category. After issuing the notices, how would the EMSD follow up with the completion of improvement items by the responsible persons of the buildings?

Asked by: Hon OR Chong-shing, Wilson (LegCo internal reference no.: 29)

Reply:

As at early March 2021, the number of improvement notices issued by the Electrical and Mechanical Services Department (EMSD) in the past five financial years with breakdown are tabulated below:

Financial year	Items involved in the improvement notices issued (number of notices issued)			
	Failure to cause an energy audit	Failure to obtain the Form of Compliance issued by registered energy assessors for major retrofitting works	Non-compliance of the requirements for stage one or stage two declarations of new buildings	Total
2016-17	43	0	8	51
2017-18	28	1	11	40
2018-19	4	0	22	26
2019-20	0	0	11	11
2020-21	1	0	1	2
Total in the past five years	76	1	53	130

All the improvement notices issued are recorded in the central database of the EMSD for on-going follow-up and monitoring by the EMSD. After receiving a responsible person's report on the completion of improvement items in accordance with the improvement notice, the EMSD will send its staff to conduct a site inspection to verify whether the irregularities are rectified. If the responsible person has not rectified the irregularities after the expiry of the deadline specified in the notice, the EMSD will take follow-up actions, including prosecution.

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