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Question:

Regarding the implementation of the Residential Properties (First-hand Sales) Ordinance (Cap. 621) (the Ordinance) to regulate the sale of first-hand residential properties, please provide the total number of first-hand residential developments on which inspections have been conducted and the respective numbers of inspections on the individual developments up to the end of 2018 since the commencement of the Ordinance. Of the inspections, what is the specific number of surprise inspections conducted? How many non-compliance cases were detected in non-surprise inspections and surprise inspections respectively? What are the manpower and estimated expenditure for inspection work in the coming financial year?

Asked by: Hon OR Chong-shing, Wilson (LegCo internal reference no.: 11)

Reply:

The Sales of First-hand Residential Properties Authority (SRPA) would, depending on the different situation of the case and sales, conduct site inspections, including surprise inspections, to sales offices and show flats. If there are any suspected contraventions of the Residential Properties (First-hand Sales) Ordinance (the Ordinance), the SRPA would carry out investigations. Since the implementation of the Ordinance and up to end 2018, the SRPA has conducted 3 041 site inspections to all developments under the regulation of the Ordinance. The SRPA has not kept statistics on the respective number of surprise and non-surprise inspections conducted.

The SRPA has an establishment of 44 staff members in 2019-20 and the estimated recurrent expenditure is \$60.14 million. There are 26 staff members in the Inspection and Investigation Division of the SRPA.

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