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Question:

The numbers of surveyed structures inspected in 2014 and 2015 were 199 363 and 199 491 respectively, but it is estimated that only 196 000 will be inspected in 2016. What is the reason for the reduction in number?

Asked by: Hon CHAN Hak-kan (Member Question No. 77)

Reply:

All surveyed structures are tolerated to exist, provided that their locations, dimensions, building materials and uses comply with the survey records, until such times they no longer exist or are cleared for development, environmental or safety reasons. Throughout the years, a number of surveyed structures have been deleted from the survey records due to the above reasons. Moreover, the actual number of surveyed structures inspected in 2014 and 2015 included structures inspected during routine patrol and ad hoc inspections arising from complaints and referrals. In preparing the estimate for 2016, only routine patrol has been taken into consideration.

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