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Question:

As of February 2013, the grading of 175 of the total 1 444 historic buildings were not confirmed. Among them, 58 are military sites and structures managed by the People's Liberation Army. What is the progress of the grading assessment of the 58 historic buildings? If the related work is not yet completed, will the Antiquities and Monuments Office allocate additional resources in the coming year to expedite the follow-up work? When is the above grading assessment expected to be completed?

Asked by: Dr Hon Kenneth CHAN Ka-lok (Member Question No. 385)

Reply:

In accordance with the established mechanism, the Antiquities and Monuments Office (AMO) has been discussing with relevant parties, including the People's Liberation Army Hong Kong Garrison, on the grading assessment of the 58 military structures and carrying out a preliminary heritage assessment. The work is absorbed within the existing manpower resources of AMO. The grading exercise will be arranged taking into account discussions with relevant parties and the heritage assessment results.