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Question:

With regard to the reply under serial number ICAC021 given by the Independent Commission Against Corruption, please provide this Committee member with the number of complaints handled in relation to bid-rigging in the maintenance works of housing estates and the number of prosecutions.

(Time of discussion at meeting: 5:52 pm of 1 April 2016)

Asked by: Hon Emily LAU Wai-hing

Reply:

For the number of pursuable corruption complaints in relation to building maintenance received by the Independent Commission Against Corruption (ICAC) in the past 3 years (2013 to 2015), please refer to the reply under serial number ICAC021 given by the ICAC. Corruption complaints in relation to building maintenance may involve bid-rigging or other malpractices. The ICAC does not maintain statistical breakdown in respect of different types of malpractices. The numbers of prosecutions involving building maintenance instituted by the ICAC in 2013, 2014 and 2015 were 1, 1 and 2 respectively. Among them, 1 of the prosecutions in 2015 involved bid-rigging. The case involved a number of interrelated complaints, and the investigation revealed that bid-rigging and corruption were involved in the tendering exercises for the renovation contracts of several housing estates and residential buildings. A former proprietor of an engineering company involved is awaiting sentence after pleading guilty to 4 counts of corruption offences. The relevant investigation and criminal proceedings are still in progress.

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