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Question:

Under Matters Requiring Special Attention in 2015-16, the Government indicates that it will continue the stepped-up inspections and enforcement actions, public education and publicity efforts to enhance the safety of lifts and escalators. Why are the estimated numbers and percentages of inspections for lifts and escalators in 2015 lower than that of 2014? In addition, what are the estimated numbers of inspections for lifts and escalators in 2015, and what are the percentages of inspections with respect to the total number of existing lifts and escalators respectively?

Asked by: Hon CHAN Hak-kan (Member Question No.38)

Reply:

The Electrical and Mechanical Services Department (EMSD) stepped up the target number of inspections for lifts and escalators from 10 564 in 2013 to 11 800 in 2014. The actual number of inspections in 2014 was 12 273, which exceeded the target by 473 inspections. In 2015, EMSD maintains the target of 11 800 inspections for lifts and escalators, and will continue to review the number of inspections required from time to time according to need.

The estimated numbers and percentages of inspections for lifts and escalators in 2015 are given in Table 1 below.

Table 1

	Lifts	Escalators
Estimated number of inspections	10 550	1 250
Total number of installations (as at 31 December 2014)	62 395	8 766
Estimated percentage of inspections	16.9%	14.3%

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