

**CONTROLLING OFFICER'S REPLY**

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Head: (42) Electrical and Mechanical Services Department  
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Question:

Please provide this Committee with the following information on lift and escalator inspection work:

- (1) What is the establishment involved in lift and escalator inspection work in 2013 and 2014?
- (2) In the past three years, what is the number of staff recruited for lift and escalator inspection work and the number of staff left each year?
- (3) In 2015-16, will the Government plan to increase the establishment to carry out additional lift and escalator inspection work? If yes, what are the details?

Asked by: Hon WU Chi-wai (Member Question No. 94)

Reply:

- (1) In 2013-14, a team of four professional engineers and 19 inspectors was responsible for lift and escalator safety including the carrying out of audit inspection and incident investigation. In 2014-15, the establishment was increased by one professional engineer and nine inspectors. The team therefore comprises a total of five professional engineers and 28 inspectors.
- (2) The professional engineers and inspectors forming the team for lift and escalator safety are deployed through staff posting within the Electrical and Mechanical Services Department (EMSD). Recruitment of professional engineers and inspectors were conducted by EMSD in the past three years for filling vacancies arising from retirement and additional posts created for delivering new services.

- (3) The establishment of the team on lift and escalator safety in 2015-16 will be the same as that in 2014-15.

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