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Question:

The estimated number of product submissions to be processed under the Mandatory Energy Efficiency Labelling Scheme in 2015 is 2 200, which is more than the actual number of 681 for 2014. Please advise whether the Government has set aside sufficient manpower for this purpose? If yes, what are the staff establishment and expenditure involved? In addition to the full implementation of the new energy efficiency grading standards for room air conditioners, refrigerating appliances and washing machines in 2015, will the coverage of the scheme be expanded to include other products ? If yes, what are the details? If no, what are the reasons?

Asked by: Hon LO Wai-kwok (Member Question No. 24)

Reply:

The number of product submissions to be processed in 2015 under the Mandatory Energy Efficiency Labelling Scheme is expected to increase to 2 200 due to the full implementation of the new energy efficiency grading standards for air conditioners, refrigerating appliances and washing machines. We will absorb the above work by redeployment of existing manpower. As the officers concerned also have to handle other duties at the same time, we do not have a breakdown of staff establishment and expenditure involved.

To facilitate the public choice of more energy-efficient electrical products, we have commenced a study on the expansion of product coverage of the scheme, and will formulate proposals for consultation with the trade in 2015 so as to work out the implementation details.

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