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Question:

With regard to the safety of liquefied petroleum gas (LPG) vehicles, the number of approvals and revalidations for LPG vehicle fuel tanks will significantly increase from 3 817 in 2014 to 7 000 in 2015 because of the five-yearly revalidation of LPG taxis. For the existing LPG vehicles in Hong Kong, please provide the number of vehicles according to the year of registration. Is it necessary for the Electrical and Mechanical Services Department to deploy additional resources for the increase in approval work? If yes, what resources will be deployed additionally?

Asked by: Hon YICK Chi-ming, Frankie (Member Question No. 29)

Reply:

According to the information as at end December 2014 provided by the Transport Department, there are at present a total of 21 692 registered LPG light buses and taxis in Hong Kong. The number of these vehicles according to the year of registration is shown below:

First registration year	Number of Registered LPG Light Buses and Taxis
Before 2000	27
2000	1 455
2001	6 768
2002	2 704
2003	1 733
2004	1 271
2005	1 538
2006	486
2007	429
2008	803
2009	512
2010	588

First registration year	Number of Registered LPG Light Buses and Taxis
2011	359
2012	395
2013	814
2014	1 810
	21 692

Law enforcement work in connection with the revalidation of LPG vehicle fuel tanks is undertaken by a team of engineers and inspectors in the Department. Their responsibilities cover a wide range of duties related to LPG vehicles including the overseeing of LPG filling network, supporting infrastructure for LPG vehicles, and conducting law enforcement work related to the revalidation of LPG vehicle fuel tanks, etc. Revalidation of LPG vehicle fuel tanks is part of the day-to-day law enforcement work of the Department and the increased workload in 2015 will be absorbed by re-deployment of existing resources. No additional manpower and expenditure will be required.

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