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Question:

Regarding the filling stations for liquefied petroleum gas (LPG) vehicles, will the Electrical and Mechanical Services Department inform this Committee of the following:

1. Details of the two additional LPG filling stations in 2014 (including their locations and number of filling nozzles);
2. Details of the two LPG filling stations planned to be approved in 2015 (including their locations, number of filling nozzles and date of commencement of operation);
3. The utilisation rate and the average waiting time at the dedicated and non-dedicated LPG filling stations in the past three years. Has the waiting time at dedicated LPG filling stations been shortened with an increase of LPG filling stations? If yes, what is the average reduction in waiting time? If no, what measures will be taken by the Government to alleviate the queuing problem at dedicated LPG filling stations?

Asked by: Hon YICK Chi-ming, Frankie (Member Question No. 30)

Reply:

1. The two additional non-dedicated LPG filling stations in 2014 are located at Fanling and Kwai Chung with six and four filling nozzles respectively for providing services.
2. We plan to approve in 2015 two non-dedicated LPG filling stations, which will be located at Sai Kung and Clear Water Bay with four and two filling nozzles respectively for providing services.
3. Based on the operational records provided by the operators of the 12 dedicated filling stations, the respective monthly numbers of vehicles refilled at each station for the past three years are as follows:

Year	2012	2013	2014
Monthly utilisation rate of each dedicated LPG filling station (no. of vehicles/month)	40 602 to 132 053	31 326 to 125 384	32 149 to 120 375

The Government does not collect information on the number of vehicles refilled at non-dedicated LPG filling stations and the waiting time at all LPG filling stations. LPG vehicles usually queue up for refilling during shift-changing periods, in particular at those dedicated LPG filling stations at popular locations. Outside shift-changing periods, the waiting time of LPG vehicles is normally not long even at the dedicated LPG filling stations. For non-dedicated LPG filling stations, LPG vehicles in general do not need to queue up for a long time for refilling service. The Government does not have any statistics on the operation of non-dedicated LPG filling stations. The Electrical and Mechanical Services Department will continue to encourage LPG vehicle users to refill during off-peak hours through regular meetings with the trade and operators of the dedicated LPG filling stations.

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