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Question:

In respect of the work on electrical safety by the Electrical and Mechanical Services Department (EMSD), please provide the following information:

- a) With regard to the respective actual numbers of enquiries handled in 2013 and 2014, and the estimated number of enquiries to be handled in 2015, the number for 2015 is the lowest. What are the reasons for the continued decline in number and the accelerating rate of decline, and the difference consequently in manpower resources and expenditure involved?
- b) For the testing of electrical products, the estimated number for 2015 is the lowest in these three years. What are the reasons and the difference consequently in manpower resources and expenditure involved?
- c) For site inspections on electrical installations and electrical products, the estimated number for 2015 is the lowest in these three years. What are the reasons and the difference consequently in manpower resources and expenditure involved?

Asked by: Hon CHAN Ka-lok, Kenneth (Member Question No. 169)

Reply:

- a) The change in the numbers of enquiries handled is mainly due to the number of three-yearly registration renewal applications of electrical workers / contractors / competent persons which, after reaching a cyclical peak in 2013, began to fall in 2014, and is expected to fall further in 2015. The related enquiries will also follow the same cyclical pattern and fall in number. In response to the overall service need, EMSD deployed existing resources to handle the enquiries during the peak period, without additional manpower and expenditure.

b) & c)

The estimated numbers in 2015 for testing of electrical products, site inspections on electrical installations and electrical products are target numbers, which are the same as those in previous years. Though the final actual number in each year may differ from the target number depending on the actual needs, there is no substantive difference in the manpower resources and expenditure involved.

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