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Head: (42) Electrical and Mechanical Services Department

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Programme: (1) Energy Supply; Electrical, Gas and Nuclear Safety

Controlling Officer: Director of Electrical and Mechanical Services (CHAN Fan)

Director of Bureau: Secretary for Security

Question:

Regarding nuclear power safety, will the Government inform this Committee:

- 1) The amount of resources reserved in this financial year to maintain nuclear power safety, and the work items involved;
- 2) The details of the drills in 2014; which government departments, organisations, companies or citizens were participating in these drills; and how many participants there were. Was the public informed after the drills? If yes, please give the details;
- 3) The plan for drills in 2015, the estimated manpower and equipment to be mobilised by the Government in these drills, and whether the public will be informed.

Asked by: Hon TANG Ka-piu (Member Question No. 41)

Reply:

- 1) The Electrical and Mechanical Services Department (EMSD) provides engineering/technical advice and support to relevant bureaux on issues related to nuclear power and the handling of nuclear emergencies, including the monitoring and notification arrangements of nuclear incidents, in accordance with the established mechanism. EMSD assigns one Senior Electrical and Mechanical Engineer and two Electrical and Mechanical Engineers to handle work on nuclear safety. The total staff cost, in terms of notional annual mid-point salary value, is about \$2.57 million.
- 2)&3) EMSD has been participating in the monthly communication drills for nuclear emergency incidents, which include communication testing and computer system network testing. The drills have achieved the expected results to ensure effective co-ordination and communication between EMSD and other bureaux/departments involved during nuclear emergencies. As the drills pertain to the regular internal work of relevant departments, the Government has not invited the public to participate in, or published any reports on these exercises.

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