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Question:

In respect of the work of the Electrical and Mechanical Services Department on nuclear power safety:

- a) What are the work details, the results achieved, manpower resources committed, expenditure and accountable officials involved in the co-operations or exchanges engaged in by the Government in each of the past three years?
- b) What are the work details, the results achieved, manpower resources committed, expenditure and accountable officials involved in the drills participated by the Government in each of the past three years?
- c) Regarding the participation by the Government in the co-operations or exchanges and drills, why are the estimated figures for 2015 the same as the actual figures in 2013 and 2014?

Asked by: Hon CHAN Ka-lok, Kenneth (Member Question No. 168)

Reply:

- a) In the past three years, the Electrical and Mechanical Services Department (EMSD) has arranged relevant engineers to attend and participate in the following technical co-operation/exchanges:
 - i) Review on the co-operation arrangements with the Guangdong authorities in the event of nuclear emergencies at the Daya Bay Nuclear Power Plants;
 - ii) Technical exchanges with other government departments and local institutions/organisations; and
 - iii) Technical exchanges with relevant overseas/Mainland organisations/experts.

These technical co-operation/exchanges enabled concerned EMSD staff to keep abreast of the latest knowledge and to ensure effective co-operation and communication with other participating parties in the event of nuclear emergencies. As the staff

participating in the technical co-operation/exchanges also handled other duties at the same time, we do not have a breakdown on the expenditure and manpower involved.

- b) In the past three years, EMSD has been participating in the monthly communication drills on nuclear emergencies, which include communication testing and computer system network testing. EMSD had also participated in the inter-departmental Daya Bay Contingency Plan Exercise co-ordinated by the Security Bureau in 2012. About 3 200 public officers from more than 30 bureaux and departments, including the Chief Executive and a number of principal officials, as well as over 2 000 citizens participated in the Exercise. As the officers participating in those drills and exercise also handled other duties at the same time, we do not have a breakdown on the expenditure and manpower involved.
- c) Similar to previous years, EMSD will arrange relevant staff to participate in technical co-operation/exchanges and communication drills on nuclear emergencies in 2015. Therefore, the estimated figures for 2015 are the same as the actual figures in 2013 and 2014.

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