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Head: (42) Electrical and Mechanical Services Department

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Question:

With respect to page 188 of Head 42, the number of tramcars inspected by the Electrical and Mechanical Services Department (EMSD) continued to decrease, what is the reason?

Asked by: Hon CHAN Hak-kan (Member Question No. 45)

Reply:

The EMSD adopts a "risk-based approach" in regulating tram safety. Following several improvement and upgrading works of the tramway system, such as renovation of tramcars, replacement of traction motor, and renewal of tram track undertaken by the Hong Kong Tramways, Limited in the recent years, the reliability of tramway was enhanced, and thus the number of inspections was reduced accordingly.

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