

**CONTROLLING OFFICER'S REPLY**

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Head: (42) Electrical and Mechanical Services Department  
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Question:

The Financial Services and the Treasury Bureau issued a circular to various departments in August 2014 requesting them to cut their expenditure in each of the two financial years starting from 2016-17 by 1%. What measures does the Electrical and Mechanical Services Department plan to take to achieve the required savings?

Asked by: Hon POON Siu-ping (Member Question No. 23)

Reply:

The Electrical and Mechanical Services Department (EMSD) plans to achieve savings through re-engineering and re-prioritisation of work processes including:

- (i) re-engineer publicity and promotion activities through strengthening partnership with stakeholders to co-organise activities and wider use of alternative means and media for publicity and public education (such as working in collaboration with stakeholders to provide energy consumption data and benchmarking information through dedicated website, more extensive use of electronic means in disseminating safety promotion publication); and
- (ii) re-prioritise work process through streamlining enforcement procedures (such as enhancing the adoption of risk-based approach in reviewing the frequency and extent of surveillance inspections and sample testing for analysing liquefied petroleum gas quality).

Indeed, the estimate for EMSD for 2016-17 is higher than that for 2015-16 by 3.1%, reflecting that efficiency savings achieved through "0-1-1" programme and new resources have been allocated to EMSD for delivering new/improved services.