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Question:

- (a) In the matters requiring special attention in 2016-17, it is stated that inspection of vehicle maintenance workshops in relation to liquefied petroleum gas (LPG) vehicles and education for the trades on gas safety measures will be stepped up. What are the details and progress? Will additional manpower be deployed to carry out the above work?
- (b) Among the indicators set by the Department for 2016, some indicators are higher than those in the past two years, including the number of approvals and revalidations of LPG fuel tanks in vehicles, etc. Will the Department deploy additional manpower to achieve these indicators?

Asked by: Hon POON Siu-ping (Member Question No. 35)

Reply:

- (a) From April this year, the Electrical and Mechanical Services Department (EMSD) will deploy seven additional inspectors to strengthen the inspection, regulation and education of vehicle maintenance workshops. The inspection work will cover some 2 700 vehicle maintenance workshops across the territory, with focus on those providing maintenance services for LPG vehicles.

Apart from more inspections to vehicle maintenance workshops, the EMSD will also promote adoption of the identification signage scheme for workshops that provide maintenance for LPG vehicle fuel system so as to facilitate their easy identification by LPG vehicle owners, drivers and the public. This administrative measure was launched in August 2015. Besides, the EMSD will publicise and educate LPG vehicle owners/drivers and concerned trade parties on repair and maintenance of LPG vehicles, and exchange views with them on safety related issues through various channels, such as talks, seminars and through issuance of notices, etc.

(b) Approval and revalidation of LPG vehicle fuel tanks is part of the day-to-day law enforcement work of the EMSD. We will deploy resources as appropriate to deal with the workload in 2016. No additional manpower and expenditure will be required. The related work is undertaken by a team of engineers and inspectors. Their responsibilities cover a wide range of duties related to LPG vehicles including the overseeing of LPG filling network, supporting infrastructure for LPG vehicles, and conducting law enforcement work related to the revalidation of LPG vehicle fuel tanks, etc.

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