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Question:

In respect of the work on electrical safety by the Electrical and Mechanical Services Department, please provide the following information:

1. The estimated number of enquiries to be handled in 2016 is comparatively higher than those actual numbers in 2014 and 2015. What are the reasons and the difference consequently in manpower resources and expenditure involved?
2. For processing the registration applications from electrical workers/contractors/competent persons, the estimated number for 2016 is the highest in these three years. What are the reasons and the difference consequently in manpower resources and expenditure involved?

Asked by: Dr Hon Kenneth CHAN Ka-lok (Member Question No. 298)

Reply:

1&2 Electrical workers/contractors/competent persons are required to register with the Electrical and Mechanical Services Department (EMSD) and renew their registration every three years. As such, the numbers of enquiries and registrations handled will experience a peak period every three years, and the next peak period is expected to occur in 2016. In response to the overall service need, the EMSD deployed existing resources to handle the enquiries and process the registration applications during the peak period, without additional manpower and expenditure.

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