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Question:

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

1. 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?
2. 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?

Asked by: Dr Hon Kenneth CHAN Ka-lok (Member Question No. 297)

Reply:

1. 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.

2. 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. In addition, EMSD had taken part in the inter-departmental exercise arranged in conjunction with the Hong Kong Observatory and the Department of Health in February 2016. 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.

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