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Question:

What are the number, details and expenditure involved in the nuclear emergency incident drills conducted by the Electrical and Mechanical Services Department over the past five years? What are the estimated number, details and expenditure involved in the nuclear emergency incident drills to be conducted by the Electrical and Mechanical Services Department in 2016-17?

Asked by: Dr Hon KWOK Ka-ki (Member Question No. 214)

Reply:

In the past five years, the Electrical and Mechanical Services Department (EMSD) has been participating in the monthly communication drills on nuclear emergencies, which include communication testing and computer system network testing. Apart from the above regular drills, EMSD had participated in the large-scale inter-departmental exercise based on the Daya Bay Contingency Plan co-ordinated by the Security Bureau in 2012. About 3 200 public officers from more than 30 bureaux and departments, as well as over 2 000 citizens participated in the exercise. In addition, EMSD had also taken part in the inter-departmental exercise arranged in conjunction with the Hong Kong Observatory and the Department of Health in February 2016.

In 2016-17, EMSD will continue to participate in the monthly communication drills on nuclear emergency incidents mentioned above.

As the officers participating in the drills are also handling other duties at the same time, we do not have a breakdown on the expenditure involved.

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