

CONTROLLING OFFICER'S REPLY

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Question:

The Director of Audit's Report No. 66 pointed out that there were registered engineers who had conducted excessive number of lift/escalator examinations on a single day. In this connection, has the Electrical and Mechanical Services Department made any improvement? If yes, what is the latest situation?

Asked by: Hon CHAN Hak-kan (Member Question No. 060)

Reply:

In response to the Director of Audit's Report, the Electrical and Mechanical Services Department (EMSD) issued guidelines in August 2016 to all registered lift/escalator (L/E) contractors and engineers stipulating the maximum number of L/Es to be examined and certified by a registered engineer (RE) on a single day under normal circumstances. Whenever the cap is exceeded, the RE should give reasonable justifications. A management reporting system has also been established to regularly monitor and review the situation. For those REs who have repeatedly not followed the guidelines without valid justifications, EMSD will follow up the cases and consider taking prosecution or disciplinary actions as appropriate. Since the issuance of the aforesaid guidelines and up to end February 2017, there were three cases in which the number of L/Es examined and certified by an RE on a single day exceeded the maximum number stipulated in the guidelines. All the concerned REs had provided acceptable justifications to support the number of L/Es examined in the three cases and none of them required further follow-up actions.

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