

CONTROLLING OFFICER'S REPLY

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Question:

The Director of Audit's Report No. 66 pointed out that the Electrical and Mechanical Services Department needed to strengthen actions on conducting surprise inspections. 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. 061)

Reply:

In response to the Director of Audit's Report, the Electrical and Mechanical Services Department (EMSD) has taken action to increase the proportion of surprise inspections of lift/escalator (L/E) examinations carried out by registered engineers (REs) outside office hours from about 5% in late 2015 to 9% in 2016. So far, examinations carried out by REs outside office hours have been found in order, as revealed by the surprise inspections. EMSD would continue to monitor the enforcement effectiveness and will adjust the proportion of surprise inspections conducted outside office hours as necessary.

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