

CONTROLLING OFFICER'S REPLY

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Head: (42) Electrical and Mechanical Services Department

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Programme: (2) Mechanical Installations Safety

Controlling Officer: Director of Electrical and Mechanical Services (Alfred W H SIT)

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Question:

1. Please list the numbers of prosecution and disciplinary actions taken by the Electrical and Mechanical Services Department in the past five years.
2. Please list the expenditure of the Electrical and Mechanical Services Department on inspection and enforcement actions, public education and publicity for lifts and escalators in the past five years. Please also list the estimated expenditure of the Department on inspection and enforcement actions, public education and publicity for lifts and escalators in 2018-19.

Asked by: Hon CHAN Tanya (Member Question No. (LegCo use): 203)

Reply:

1. The number of prosecution and disciplinary actions completed by the Electrical and Mechanical Services Department (EMSD) in respect of mechanical installations safety in the past five years are listed in the following table:

Financial Year	Number of Prosecution Cases	Number of Disciplinary Cases
2017-18 (As of 15 March 2018)	3	1
2016-17	5	1
2015-16	6	0
2014-15	2	0
2013-14	1	2

In 2017-18, in addition to those completed cases as tabulated above, there are two prosecution cases and two disciplinary cases currently under court proceedings and disciplinary proceedings respectively.

2. The expenditure of the EMSD on inspection and enforcement actions, public education and publicity for lifts and escalators in the past five years are listed below:

Financial Year	Expenditure (\$ million)
2017-18	36.8*
2016-17	32.6
2015-16	35.9
2014-15	37.8
2013-14	35.5

* Estimated expenditure

In 2018-19, the estimated expenditure on the above work for lifts and escalators is \$45.1 million. The increase in expenditure in 2018-19 as compared with 2017-18 is mainly due to stepping up of the promotion of the lift and escalator modernisation schemes through strengthening publicity to Responsible Persons and increasing inspections of lifts and escalators.

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