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Question:

In 2018-19, the Electrical and Mechanical Services Department will continue the stepped-up inspection of vehicle maintenance workshops in relation to liquefied petroleum gas vehicles and education for the trades on gas safety measures. What are the details about the associated work, and the manpower and estimated expenditure involved?

Asked by: Hon YICK Chi-ming, Frankie (Member Question No. (LegCo use): 49)

Reply:

In 2018-19, the Electrical and Mechanical Services Department will continue the stepped-up monitoring of vehicle maintenance workshops, including the following major work:

- To conduct targeted inspections of vehicle maintenance workshops that provide maintenance services for liquefied petroleum gas (LPG) vehicles, and monitor whether maintenance work on LPG vehicle fuel systems are carried out in other vehicle maintenance workshops;
- To implement the "Code of Practice on Security Label System for LPG Vehicle Fuel Tanks" launched in 2017, in order to ensure that the work processes involving revalidation or replacement of internal and external components of fuel tanks are carried out at approved workshops by competent persons so as to further enhance the regulatory control over the maintenance of LPG vehicle fuel tanks, and to safeguard the safety of the public and trade practitioners. In addition, the integrity of security labels for LPG vehicle fuel tanks will be checked randomly in different locations, and corresponding actions will be instituted where necessary;
- To promote the adoption of the identification signage scheme for workshops that provide maintenance services for LPG vehicle fuel systems so as to facilitate easy identification of these workshops by LPG vehicle owners, drivers and the public; and
- To continue publicising and educating LPG vehicle owners/drivers and the relevant trades on matters related to the repair and maintenance of LPG vehicles through various

channels, such as talks, seminars, issuance of circulars, and distribution of leaflets, etc., and to exchange views with LPG vehicle agents through meetings on safety-related issues.

The wide range of work in connection with LPG vehicles, including approvals, inspections of workshops, random checking of security labels, investigations, public education and publicity, etc., is undertaken by a team of engineers and inspectors. We do not have a breakdown of the estimated expenditure of the above work.

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