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Question:

The \$2.5 billion Lift Modernisation Subsidy Scheme (LIMSS) aims to assist owners of old buildings to modernise 5 000 aged lifts in 6 years. However, given that the trade has been facing manpower shortage, how will the Government monitor the quality and safety under the LIMSS? What is the relevant manpower establishment?

Asked by: Hon CHENG Chung-tai (LegCo internal reference no.: 12)

Reply:

The Government is well aware of the manpower issue in the lift and escalator trade. Therefore, in formulating the Lift Modernisation Subsidy Scheme (LIMSS), we have set a target of modernising about 5 000 aged lifts in phases in six years to take account of the trade capacity.

In 2019, the EMSD will set up a new team to take forward the policy initiative related to enhancing the safety of aged lifts and escalators, including overseeing the implementation of the LIMSS and monitoring the quality of the lift modernisation works. The team will comprise one Chief Engineer, one Senior Engineer, two Engineer/Assistant Engineer, one Chief Technical Officer, two Inspector, two Assistant Inspector, one Analyst/Programmer, one Clerical Assistant and one Personal Secretary posts.

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