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Question:

The Development Bureau has indicated that the Lift Modernisation Subsidy Scheme (LIMSS) will be launched and accept applications at the end of March 2019. The LIMSS aims to improve and enhance the safety level of aged lifts. It is expected that the number of inspections of lifts and the maintenance works carried out by registered contractors will increase substantially upon implementation of the LIMSS. At present, there are a total of 66 000 lifts in Hong Kong. While the funding amount is only \$2.5 billion, it is estimated that about 5 000 out of the 13 000 eligible aged lifts in the territory will be subsidised. Please advise this Committee of the following:

(1) Of the 15 409 lifts and escalators inspected in 2018, how many were lifts? What is the number of lifts additionally inspected in 2018? Please provide a breakdown by 18 districts.

(2) For the lifts inspected in the past year, how many of them met the standard of enhancement solutions as set out in the Guidelines for Modernising Existing Lifts in 2011, and how many of them were totally not in compliance with such standard? Please provide a breakdown of the cases of non-compliance by 18 districts.

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Reply:

(1) In 2018, 13 619 lifts were inspected, an increase of 4 818 from year 2017. A breakdown of the number of lifts inspected in 2018 by district is given below:

District	Number of lifts inspected in 2018
Kowloon City	784
Tai Po	318
Central & Western	794
Yuen Long	457
Tuen Mun	758
North	383

Sai Kung	603
Sha Tin	934
Eastern	1 470
Yau Tsim Mong	1 477
Southern	440
Tsuen Wan	975
Sham Shui Po	833
Wong Tai Sin	500
Kwai Tsing	1 020
Islands	185
Wan Chai	762
Kwun Tong	926
Total	13 619

(2) Of the 13 619 lifts inspected in 2018, 1 881 were equipped with the four priority enhancement solutions ^(Note 1) (PES) as set out in the Guidelines for Modernising Existing Lifts promulgated in 2011, while 7 777 were equipped with some of the PES and the remaining 3 961 did not have any of the PES in place. A breakdown of the number of lifts inspected in 2018, which were not equipped with any of the PES by district, is given below:

District	Number of lifts inspected in 2018 which were not equipped with any of the PES
Kowloon City	216
Tai Po	49
Central & Western	220
Yuen Long	155
Tuen Mun	178
North	121
Sai Kung	196
Sha Tin	206
Eastern	421
Yau Tsim Mong	311
Southern	159
Tsuen Wan	320
Sham Shui Po	267
Wong Tai Sin	171
Kwai Tsing	413
Islands	60
Wan Chai	228
Kwun Tong	270
Total	3 961

Note 1 : The four PES are (i) double brake system, (ii) unintended car movement protection device, (iii) ascending car overspeed protection device, and (iv) car door mechanical lock and door safety edge.

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