

CONTROLLING OFFICER'S REPLY

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Question:

With regard to lift safety, please advise this Committee of the following:

- 1) What was the staffing establishment under the Electrical and Mechanical Services Department (EMSD) for inspection on maintenance of lifts by contractors in each of the past three years?
- 2) How many inspections were conducted by the EMSD on maintenance of lifts by contractors in each of the past three years?
- 3) Did the EMSD identify any cases of contravention in respect of maintenance of lifts by contractors in the past year? If yes, what was the number of cases involved?

Asked by: Hon HO Kai-ming (LegCo internal reference no.: 35)

Reply:

- 1) The administration and enforcement of the Lifts and Escalators Ordinance (Cap. 618) including surveillance of maintenance works for lifts and escalators are collectively undertaken by a dedicated team of the Electrical and Mechanical Services Department (EMSD). As the dedicated team is responsible for a number of tasks during its daily operation, no breakdown of the manpower for individual tasks such as lift inspection work is available. The number of staff in the team in 2016-17, 2017-18 and 2018-19 was 27, 34 and 46 respectively.
- 2) The number of lift inspections conducted by the EMSD in 2016-17, 2017-18 and 2018-19 was 8 808, 8 801 and 13 619 respectively.
- 3) In 2018, the EMSD identified four cases of contravention of the Lifts and Escalators Ordinance (Cap. 618) by registered lift contractors or registered persons.

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