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Question:

In regard to the Lift Modernisation Subsidy Scheme (LIMSS), will the Government advise this Committee of the following:

- a) What is the increase in manpower dedicated for handling the LIMSS from the Electrical and Mechanical Services Department in the coming year?
- b) Is there any target number of inspections of lift maintenance undertaken by contractors in the coming year? If yes, what are the target number of inspections and the relevant inspection procedures? If no, what are the reasons?

Asked by: Hon HO Kai-ming (LegCo internal reference no.: 37)

Reply:

- a) In 2019-20, a new dedicated team comprising one Senior Engineer, one Engineer, two Inspectors, two Assistant Inspectors and one Clerical Assistant will be formed to inspect the lift modernisation works under the Lift Modernisation Subsidy Scheme.
- b) The overall target number of inspections of lifts and escalators in 2019 is 28 900, representing an increase of 87% over 2018. The Electrical and Mechanical Services Department has been arranging both scheduled and surprise inspections in checking the maintenance works carried out by registered lift contractors. The inspections will not only cover the operating conditions of the lifts, but also check whether the maintenance works have been carried out in accordance with the maintenance schedule. In addition, we may also request the registered workers to perform functional tests on individual lift components, including traction machine, machine brake, door lock, ropes, etc. to verify the functionality and compliance of the lift works with the requirements of the code of practice.

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