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Question:

Please advise this Committee of the following:

- 1) the numbers of prosecutions and disciplinary actions involving lifts and escalators taken by the Electrical and Mechanical Services Department (EMSD) in the past three years, and the penalties for the convicted cases;
- 2) the expenditure on the inspection of and enforcement work for lifts and escalators incurred by the EMSD in the past three years;
- 3) the estimated expenditure on the inspection of and enforcement work for lifts and escalators in 2019-20.

Asked by: Hon LAM Cheuk-ting (LegCo internal reference no.: 22)

Reply:

1. The numbers of prosecutions and disciplinary actions involving lifts and escalators taken by the Electrical and Mechanical Services Department (EMSD) in the past three years are given in the table below:

Financial Year	Number of Prosecution/Disciplinary Cases Initiated
2018-19 *	Seven (comprising six prosecution cases and one disciplinary case)
2017-18	Seven (comprising five prosecution cases and two disciplinary cases)
2016-17	Four (comprising three prosecution cases and one disciplinary case)

* As at end-February 2019

For the completed prosecution cases, the penalties included fines ranging from \$7,500 to \$326,000 and imprisonment for two months suspended for 12 months, while for the completed disciplinary cases, the penalties included fines ranging from \$65,000 to \$220,000.

2. The EMSD's expenditure on the administration and enforcement of the Lifts and Escalators Ordinance (Cap. 618), including the inspection and follow-up enforcement work of lifts and escalators in the past three years is given in the table below:

Financial Year	Expenditure (\$ million)
2018-19	51.6 [^]
2017-18	37.7
2016-17	32.6

[^] Estimated year-end expenditure

3. The estimated expenditure on the administration and enforcement of the Lifts and Escalators Ordinance (Cap. 618) in 2019-20 is \$66.4 million.

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