

CONTROLLING OFFICER'S REPLY

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Question:

In response to a fatal lift incident at Paris Court in Sheung Shui Town Centre on 11 May 2018, the Electrical and Mechanical Services Department (EMSD) introduced two measures in the same year, including requesting service contractors to conduct special maintenance works at least twice every year for the important protective components (including brakes, traction machines and landing doors) of aged lifts which have yet to undergo modernisation works, and submit the scheduled date, time and inspection results of the special maintenance works to the EMSD via an online platform; as well as record maintenance works in logbooks with an improved format. In this connection, would the Government advise this Committee of the following:

1. the details (including number) of spot checks of the above two measures conducted by the EMSD as at March 2019 and whether non-compliances were identified;
2. the number of lifts that require immediate follow-up actions (including emergency repair or replacement) as identified from the above measures;
3. whether there are any other plans or measures to strengthen the inspection of contractors in 2019-20 in addition to the above two measures? If yes, what are the manpower and expenditure involved?

Asked by: Hon LAM Cheuk-ting (LegCo internal reference no.: 23)

Reply:

1. As at 14 March 2019, the EMSD conducted about 140 inspections of the special maintenance works carried out by the registered lift contractors and about 2 400 inspections of logbooks with an improved format. No non-compliance was identified.
2. As at 14 March 2019, the EMSD received 962 reports on special maintenance works submitted by registered lift contractors, in which three lifts had been identified to require immediate repair.

3. The above two measures just took effect from February 2019. The EMSD will continuously monitor the performance of maintenance contractors and keep in view if there is a need to further enhance the measures.

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