

CONTROLLING OFFICER'S REPLY

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Head: (42) Electrical and Mechanical Services Department
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Question:

Regarding the Lift Modernisation Subsidy Scheme (LIMSS), please advise this Committee of:

- 1) the use of the estimated expenditure of \$2 million in 2019-20; and
- 2) the anticipated schedule for approving the first-round applications, and the number of target buildings and lifts involved.

Asked by: Hon LAM Cheuk-ting (LegCo internal reference no.: 24)

Reply:

- 1) The estimated expenditure for the Lift Modernisation Subsidy Scheme ("LIMSS") in 2019-20 is \$248.7 million, which covers the following expenses:
 - (i) subsidy for lift modernisation works, including consultants' fees;
 - (ii) administration fee of the Urban Renewal Authority ("URA") for its e-tendering platform under the Smart Tender; and
 - (iii) expenses of the Electrical and Mechanical Services Department ("EMSD") in providing supporting services to the URA for implementing the LIMSS.

The estimated expenditure for item (iii) above in 2018-19, amounted to \$2.2 million, is to meet the staff cost for deploying one Senior Engineer and one Engineer by the EMSD to provide supporting services to the URA for implementing the LIMSS.

- 2) Invitation for the first-round applications has commenced on 29 March 2019 for closing on 31 July 2019. The results will be announced in the fourth quarter of 2019. We target to grant subsidy to about 1 200 lifts of higher priority for implementing modernisation works in this round of applications.

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