

CONTROLLING OFFICER'S REPLY

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Head: (42) Electrical and Mechanical Services Department

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Programme: (2) Mechanical Installations Safety

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Question:

The provision for 2019-20 is \$249.8 million (153.8%) higher than the revised estimate for 2018-19. What are the reasons for such a substantial increase in the estimate? What is the additional expenditure involved for the Lift Modernisation Subsidy Scheme and consultancy studies on multi-storey vehicle maintenance workshop buildings respectively? Regarding the net increase of 32 posts, are they civil service posts? What are the ranks and duties involved respectively?

Asked by: Hon LAU Kwok-fan (LegCo internal reference no.: 22)

Reply:

The increase in the provision for 2019-20 is mainly to meet the estimated non-recurrent expenditure associated with the implementation of the Lift Modernisation Subsidy Scheme (LIMSS) and carrying out of consultancy studies on multi-storey vehicle maintenance workshop buildings. The estimated expenditure of these two items in 2019-20 is \$248.7 million and \$1 million respectively.

All the 32 new posts are civil service posts. A breakdown of the 32 new posts to be created in the Electrical and Mechanical Services Department in 2019-20 with details of ranks and main duties is provided as follows:

Rank	Number of Posts	Main Duties
Chief Electrical and Mechanical Engineer	1	<u>Enhancing the Safety of Aged Lifts and Escalators</u>
Senior Electrical and Mechanical Engineer	1	(i) To step up inspections of lifts and escalators, including additional inspections arising from the LIMSS and for lift maintenance works;
Electrical and Mechanical Engineer / Assistant Electrical and Mechanical Engineer	2	(ii) To step up promotional activities; and

Chief Technical Officer (Mechanical)	1	(iii) To upgrade the existing computer system and manage the related database to facilitate the enforcement work on lifts/escalators.
Electrical Inspector	1	
Mechanical Inspector	1	
Assistant Mechanical Inspector	2	
Analyst/Programmer I	1	
Clerical Assistant	1	
Personal Secretary II	1	
Chief Electrical and Mechanical Engineer	1	<u>Strengthening the Regulation of Railway Safety</u> (i) To enhance the comprehensive assessment of MTR Corporation Limited (MTRCL)'s Asset Management System and Safety Management System by conducting thorough and systematic audits on a regular basis; (ii) To strengthen the safety regulation for MTRCL's replacement projects for major assets (e.g. signalling system, air-cooled chillers, CCTV systems, high voltage and low voltage electricity supply equipment etc.); and (iii) To strengthen the safety regulation for new railway projects under the Railway Development Strategy 2014 and the new Automated People Mover for Three-Runway System.
Chief Electronics Engineer	1	
Senior Electrical and Mechanical Engineer	3	
Senior Building Services Engineer	1	
Senior Engineer (Civil)	1	
Electrical and Mechanical Engineer / Assistant Electrical and Mechanical Engineer	4	
Electronics Engineer / Assistant Electronics Engineer	3	
Building Services Engineer / Assistant Building Services Engineer	1	
Structural Engineer / Assistant Structural Engineer	1	
Personal Secretary II	2	
Assistant Clerical Officer	1	
Clerical Assistant	1	

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