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Question:

How many lift inspections were conducted by the Government in the past three years and what were the respective percentages (%) compared with the number of lifts in the same period? How many additional inspections were carried out by the Government for strengthening the surveillance of aged lifts and escalators respectively in 2018? How many additional inspections are expected to be conducted by the Government for the annual inspections of lifts, the implementation of the Lift Modernisation Subsidy Scheme and for enhancing the safety of aged lifts respectively in 2019?

Asked by: Hon LAU Kwok-fan (LegCo internal reference no.: 23)

Reply:

The numbers of audit inspections of lifts conducted by the Electrical and Mechanical Services Department (EMSD) under the Lifts and Escalators Ordinance (Cap. 618) and their respective percentages as compared with the number of lifts in the past three years are tabulated below:

Year	2016	2017	2018
Number of audit inspections of lifts conducted by the EMSD	8 808	8 801	13 619
Number of lifts	64 930	66 291	67 850
Percentage of audit inspections compared with the number of lifts	13.6%	13.3%	20.1%

The EMSD has continued to enhance its risk-based strategy in the audit inspections of lifts and escalators, including strengthening the surveillance of aged lifts and escalators. In 2018, a total of 15 409 inspections (comprising 13 619 inspections for lifts and 1 790 inspections for escalators) were conducted, representing an increase of 37% over 2017.

The targeted total number of inspections in 2019 will further rise to 28 900 (representing an increase of 87% over 2018), as a result of the department's effort to step up the surveillance

of aged lifts and escalators including deployment of a dedicated team to inspect lifts undergoing modernisation works under the Lift Modernisation Subsidy Scheme.

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