

CONTROLLING OFFICER'S REPLY

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Question:

The Government indicated in the explanatory notes that “the number of inspections in 2019 is expected to further increase due to the inspections of lifts that will be modernised under the Lift Modernisation Subsidy Scheme to be launched in early 2019 and an increase in the number of inspections of the maintenance works carried out by registered contractors for enhancing the safety of aged lifts.” If this is the case, why the indicator “incidents/1 000 registered lifts” established by the Government is set at the same level as in 2018, i.e. 6/1 000, instead of a lower level, such as 5/1 000?

Asked by: Hon LAU Kwok-fan (LegCo internal reference no.: 26)

Reply:

The indicator “incidents/1 000 registered lifts” refers to the number of reportable incidents per 1 000 registered lift each year. Based on previous statistics, the majority of reportable incidents happened in the past were due to passengers’ behaviour or various external factors (e.g. debris jamming landing doors or small particles being trapped in the guide rails of landing doors) which are not related to the lift maintenance works. Based on the recorded trends of past years, we estimate that the incident rate in 2019 would be similar to that of 2018. We will continue to closely monitor the incident rate and seek various means to improve the situation.

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