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Question:

Regarding the Lift Modernisation Subsidy Scheme (LIMSS), may the Administration advise this Committee on the following:

1. What are the specific details of the \$2.2m revised estimated expenditure for 2018-19 in the operating account?
2. As stated in the Matters Requiring Special Attention in 2019–20, the Department will provide support to the Urban Renewal Authority for implementation of LIMSS, what are the specific details? And how many funding and manpower are reserved for this year for carrying out the LIMSS?
3. It is mentioned that the Department has and will continue to strengthen the surveillance of aged lifts and escalators through conducting additional inspections with respect to LIMSS, please provide the related inspection result of 2018 and the target of 2019.

Asked by: Hon SHEK Lai-him, Abraham (LegCo internal reference no.: 28)

Reply:

1. One Senior Engineer and one Engineer were designated to provide support to the Urban Renewal Authority (URA) for formulation of specific details and implementation plan of the Lift Modernisation Subsidy Scheme (LIMSS) to be launched in end-March 2019, with an estimated manpower expenditure of \$2.2 million in 2018-19.
2. In 2019-20, the Electrical and Mechanical Services Department (EMSD) will continue to deploy one Senior Engineer and one Engineer to provide support to the URA for implementation of the LIMSS including engagement of consultants, vetting of applications and monitoring of the implementation of the LIMSS. The estimated manpower expenditure involved is about \$3.8 million for the whole year in 2019-20.
3. The EMSD continues to enhance its risk-based strategy in inspection of lifts and escalators, including strengthening the surveillance of aged lifts and escalators. In 2018, a total of 15 409 inspections for lifts and escalators were conducted, representing an increase of 37% over 2017. The targeted total number of inspections in 2019 will increase further to 28 900 due to stepping up of surveillance of aged lifts and escalators,

and additional inspection of lifts brought about by modernisation works under the LIMSS.

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