

CONTROLLING OFFICER'S REPLY

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Head: (42) Electrical and Mechanical Services Department

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Programme: (2) Mechanical Installations Safety

Controlling Officer: Director of Electrical and Mechanical Services (Alfred W H SIT)

Director of Bureau: Secretary for Development

Question:

1. Please list the numbers of prosecutions and disciplinary actions taken by the Electrical and Mechanical Services Department (EMSD) in the past five years.
2. Please list the expenditure on the inspection, enforcement, public education and publicity work in relation to lifts and escalators incurred by the EMSD in the past five years; and provide the estimated expenditure on the inspection, enforcement, public education and publicity work in relation to lifts and escalators to be incurred by the EMSD in 2019-20.

Asked by: Hon CHAN Tanya (LegCo internal reference no.: 115)

Reply:

1. The numbers of prosecutions and disciplinary actions initiated by the Electrical and Mechanical Services Department (EMSD) in respect of mechanical installations safety in the past five years are listed in the table below:

| Financial Year | Number of Prosecution/Disciplinary Cases Initiated |
|----------------|--|
| 2018-19 * | Eight (Seven prosecution cases and one disciplinary case) |
| 2017-18 | Seven (Five prosecution cases and two disciplinary cases) |
| 2016-17 | Five (Four prosecution cases and one disciplinary case) |
| 2015-16 | Three (Two prosecution cases and one disciplinary case) |
| 2014-15 | Six (Six prosecution cases and no disciplinary case) |

*As at end-February 2019

2. The EMSD's expenditure on the administration and enforcement of the Lifts and Escalators Ordinance (Cap. 618), including inspection, enforcement, public education and publicity work of lifts and escalators in the past five years is given in the table below:

| Financial Year | Expenditure (\$ million) |
|----------------|---------------------------------------|
| 2018-19 | 51.6 (estimated year-end expenditure) |
| 2017-18 | 37.7 |
| 2016-17 | 32.6 |
| 2015-16 | 35.9 |
| 2014-15 | 37.8 |

The estimated expenditure on the administration and enforcement of the Lifts and Escalators Ordinance (Cap. 618) in 2019-20 is \$66.4 million.

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