

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:

Please advise this Committee of the following information in table form and the details of the establishment and staff expenditure involved in handling applications:

a) What are the number of licence applications received, the number of licences granted and the number of licence applications rejected by the Electrical and Mechanical Services Department (EMSD) in the past three years?

Type of Licence	Number of Licences Granted	Number of Licence Applications Rejected

b) What are the prosecution cases, the number of prosecutions, the fines and penalty for failure to apply for various licences from the EMSD in the past three years?

Prosecution Case	Number of Prosecutions	Fine	Penalty

Asked by: Hon YEUNG Alvin (LegCo internal reference no.: 102)

Reply:

The administration and enforcement of the legislation in relation to the handling of licences/permits are undertaken by various professional teams from the Electrical and Mechanical Services Department (EMSD). As the teams are responsible for a number of tasks during their daily operation, no breakdown of the expenditure on individual item of task such as handling of licence/permit applications is available. The details of the establishment as at end-February 2019 and the estimated expenditure involved in the administration and enforcement of the legislation in 2018-19 in relation to the handling of licence/permit applications are as follows:

Category	Number of Staff	Annual Expenditure (\$ million)
Lifts and Escalators	46	33.9
Amusement Rides	6	5.4
Builders' Lifts and Tower Working Platforms	2	1.7

(a) The number of licences/permits granted and the number of licence/permit applications rejected in the past three years are given in the table below:

Type of Licence/Permit	Number of Licences/Permits Granted	Number of Licence/Permit Applications Rejected
2018		
Lifts and Escalators	88 456	135
Amusement Rides	338	9
Builders' Lifts and Tower Working Platforms	308	0
2017		
Lifts and Escalators	85 305	40
Amusement Rides	309	2
Builders' Lifts and Tower Working Platforms	285	0
2016		
Lifts and Escalators	83 869	36
Amusement Rides	302	7
Builders' Lifts and Tower Working Platforms	189	0

(b) The category and number of prosecutions as well as the corresponding fine and penalty for failure to apply for licences/permits from the EMSD in the past three years are given in the table below:

Category	Number of Prosecutions	Fine	Penalty (Other Than Fine) for Convicted Cases
2018-19			
Lifts and Escalators	1	\$30,000	-
2017-18			
Lifts and Escalators	1	\$10,000	-
2016-17			
Lifts and Escalators	3	\$6,000 \$8,000 \$10,000	-
Amusement Rides	1	\$1,800	-

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