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Question:

What are the number, details and expenditure involved of the nuclear emergency incident drills conducted by the Electrical and Mechanical Services Department over the past 5 years? What are the estimated number, details and expenditure involved of the nuclear emergency incident drills to be conducted by the Electrical and Mechanical Services Department in 2019-20?

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

Reply:

In the past 5 years, the Electrical and Mechanical Services Department (EMSD) has been participating in the monthly communication drills on nuclear emergencies, which included communication testing and computer system network testing. Apart from the above regular drills, the EMSD also took part in the inter-departmental exercise arranged in conjunction with the Hong Kong Observatory and the Department of Health in February 2016. In addition, the EMSD participated in the large-scale inter-departmental exercise based on the "Daya Bay Contingency Plan" co-ordinated by the Security Bureau in December 2017.

In 2019-20, the EMSD will continue to participate in the monthly communication drills on nuclear emergencies mentioned above.

As the officers participating in the drills are also handling other duties at the same time, we do not have a breakdown on the expenditure involved.