

**CONTROLLING OFFICER'S REPLY**

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Head: (42) Electrical and Mechanical Services Department  
Subhead (No. & title): Not specified  
Programme: (2) Mechanical Installations Safety  
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Question:

With regard to the circumstances of lifts covered in the Programme, will the Government please:

1. provide the number of lifts built over the past three years as submitted by the Mass Transit Railway Corporation, with location details of the stations involved, expected completion dates of works and reasons for delay in completion of works;
2. provide the number of lifts planned / under construction in the Kowloon West District by the Government over the past three years, with their locations, expected completion dates of works and reasons for delay in completion of works; and where there was delay in works, the additional items of expenditure involved;
3. given that the estimated expenditure for the current year under Programme (2) sharply increased by 50.1% over last year, please tabulate details of the major items with an increase in expenditure, their respective percentage in relation to the total estimated expenditure and the reasons for the increase.

Asked by: Hon CHAN Hoi-yan (LegCo internal reference no.: 40)

Reply:

1. Since the Electrical and Mechanical Services Department (EMSD) is only responsible for vetting and approving applications for use permits for newly built lifts, the department does not have the information related to the works concerned. Nevertheless, information about the number of lifts that were newly built in MTR stations and issued with use permits over the past three years is provided as follows for reference:

Year in which use permits were issued	Number of lifts	Stations where lifts are located
2019	1	Hong Kong West Kowloon Station (1 no.)

2018	85	Tsuen Wan Station (1 no.), Hung Hom Station (6 nos.), To Kwa Wan Station (6 nos.), Diamond Hill Station (4 nos.), Sung Wong Toi Station (7 nos.), Hong Kong West Kowloon Station (59 nos.), Wan Chai Station (1 no.) and Fortress Hill Station (1 no.)
2017	83	Hin Keng Station (4 nos.), Fanling Station (2 nos.), Kowloon Tong Station (2 nos.), Kai Tak Station (5 nos.), Diamond Hill Station (1 no.), Kwun Tong Station (1 no.), Hong Kong West Kowloon Station (64 nos.), Quarry Bay Station (1 no.), Admiralty Station (1 no.), Causeway Bay Station (1 no.) and North Point Station (1 no.)

2. Many public works projects may cover lift installations for different reasons or needs. Since the EMSD is only responsible for vetting and approving applications for use permits for the newly built lifts of these works projects but not undertaking the projects, the department is unable to provide details concerning the works. Nevertheless, information about the number of lifts which were newly built by the Government in the Kowloon West District and issued with use permits over the past three years is provided as follows for reference:

Year in which use permits were issued	Number of lifts	Districts where lifts are located
2019	79	Kowloon City (18 nos.), Yau Tsim Mong (7 nos.) and Sham Shui Po (54 nos.)
2018	146	Kowloon City (14 nos.), Yau Tsim Mong (38 nos.) and Sham Shui Po (94 nos.)
2017	15	Kowloon City (5 nos.), Yau Tsim Mong (7 nos.) and Sham Shui Po (3 nos.)

3. The provision for 2020-21 under Programme (2) increased by \$209.9 million from the revised estimate of \$418.7 million for 2019-20 to \$628.6 million. The increase is mainly due to the non-recurrent expenditure item related to the implementation of the Lift Modernisation Subsidy Scheme. The actual expenditure on the Scheme, which is at an initial stage, is approximately \$249 million in 2019-20. With gradual commencement of lift modernisation works, the estimated expenditure for 2020-21 will increase by \$209 million to approximately \$458 million, resulting in an increase in the total estimated expenditure.