

CONTROLLING OFFICER'S REPLY

DEVB(W)052

(Question Serial No. 2150)

Head: (42) Electrical and Mechanical Services Department
Subhead (No. & title): (700) General non-recurrent
Programme: (2) Mechanical Installations Safety
Controlling Officer: Director of Electrical and Mechanical Services (Alfred W H SIT)
Director of Bureau: Secretary for Development

Question:

How many buildings and lifts are estimated to be eligible for the Lift Modernisation Subsidy Scheme? How many applications have been received so far and how many lifts are involved (please provide a breakdown by District Council district)? What are the expenditure and manpower involved for the past and coming years?

Asked by: Hon LEUNG Mei-fun, Priscilla (LegCo internal reference no.: 25)

Reply:

We estimate that there are about 3 700 private residential or composite buildings eligible for the Lift Modernisation Subsidy Scheme (LIMSS), involving about 13 000 aged lifts. The first-round application of the LIMSS was closed on 1 August 2019. A total of 1 171 valid applications involving 4 971 lifts were received. A breakdown of the relevant cases by district is shown as follows:

District	Number of valid applications in the first round (Number of lifts involved)
Central and Western	93 (189)
Wan Chai	99 (166)
Eastern	95 (358)
Southern	26 (82)
Yau Tsim Mong	258 (543)
Sham Shui Po	157 (309)
Kowloon City	105 (356)
Wong Tai Sin	33 (346)
Kwun Tong	49 (405)
Kwai Tsing	40 (222)
Tsuen Wan	33 (182)
Tuen Mun	50 (455)
Yuen Long	64 (312)

North	16 (211)
Tai Po	18 (223)
Sha Tin	25 (461)
Sai Kung	9 (150)
Islands	1 (1)
Total:	1 171 (4 971)

As far as the LIMSS is concerned, the expenditure of the Electrical and Mechanical Services Department (EMSD) for 2019-20 is about \$249 million, while the estimated expenditure for 2020-21 is about \$458 million. Regarding the manpower, one Senior Engineer and one Engineer from the EMSD are designated for the implementation of the LIMSS in 2019-20, and one more Engineer will be deployed to the dedicated team in 2020-21.

- End -