

CONTROLLING OFFICER'S REPLY

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Question:

The Electrical and Mechanical Services Department indicated that during 2020-21, the Department will continue to implement the Mandatory Energy Efficiency Labelling Scheme, conduct studies on the expansion of the scope to cover more appliances under the fourth phase of the scheme, and continue to implement the Voluntary Energy Efficiency Labelling Scheme. Will the Government advise on the details of the schemes and the breakdown of the expenditure involved?

Asked by: Hon SHIU Ka-fai (LegCo internal reference no.: 23)

Reply:

The Mandatory Energy Efficiency Labelling Scheme (MEELS) has been expanding in phases and now covers 8 types of prescribed products. The third phase of MEELS has been fully implemented since 1 December 2019. The Voluntary Energy Efficiency Labelling Scheme (VEELS) has a broad coverage, currently including 22 types of commonly used household appliances, gas appliances and office equipment.

In 2020-21, the Electrical and Mechanical Services Department (EMSD) will continue to consult the trade about the coverage and implementation schedule of the fourth phase of MEELS and at the same time, consider whether it is necessary to upgrade the energy efficiency grading standards of some of the products already covered under MEELS. During the reviewing process, a number of factors will be taken into consideration, including overseas practice, international testing standards, potential energy saving of the products, and views from stakeholders, etc. The EMSD will also fully consult and consider the views from the trade.

Regarding VEELS, the EMSD will continue to review and update the content of the scheme, enhance publicity and public education, and encourage more suppliers to participate in the scheme.

The above-mentioned work was handled by the Energy Efficiency Office of the EMSD with existing manpower and resources, and no breakdown of such expenditure is available.

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