

**CONTROLLING OFFICER'S REPLY**

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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 in the past year and in the coming year?

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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. A total of 2 035 valid applications involving 8 256 lifts were received in the two rounds of applications for the LIMSS. A breakdown of the valid applications received by district is shown as follows:

District	Numbers of valid applications received in the two rounds of applications (Number of lifts involved)
Central and Western	175 (356)
Wan Chai	149 (253)
Eastern	193 (677)
Southern	43 (188)
Yau Tsim Mong	438 (888)
Sham Shui Po	275 (532)
Kowloon City	187 (543)
Wong Tai Sin	48 (453)
Kwun Tong	83 (619)
Kwai Tsing	66 (418)
Tsuen Wan	64 (344)

District	Numbers of valid applications received in the two rounds of applications (Number of lifts involved)
Tuen Mun	80 (800)
Yuen Long	101 (464)
North	31 (416)
Tai Po	39 (308)
Sha Tin	39 (642)
Sai Kung	17 (318)
Islands	7 (37)
Total:	2 035 (8 256)

The expenditure of the Electrical and Mechanical Services Department (EMSD) for implementing the LIMSS in 2020-21 is about \$458 million in 2020-21, including about \$396 million granted through the Urban Renewal Authority (URA) to subsidise building owners to carry out lift modernisation works. The relevant estimated expenditure for 2021-22 is about \$578 million, including about \$515 million to be granted through the URA to subsidise building owners to carry out lift modernisation works. Regarding manpower, one Senior Engineer and two Engineers were deployed by the EMSD to support the URA in implementing the LIMSS in 2020-21, and such manpower deployment will remain unchanged in 2021-22.

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