

CONTROLLING OFFICER'S REPLY

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Head: (42) Electrical and Mechanical Services Department

Subhead (No. & title): (000) Operational expenses

Programme: (2) Mechanical Installations Safety

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Question:

The Electrical and Mechanical Services Department is responsible for the administration and enforcement of the Lifts and Escalators Ordinance, while the Electrical and Mechanical Services Trading Fund (EMSTF) is responsible for the repair and maintenance of government lifts. In this regard, would the Government inform this Committee of the following:

1. What were the respective numbers of lifts and escalators under the repair and maintenance of the EMSTF as entrusted by various government departments in each of the past three years?
2. What were the respective expenditures involved in the repair and maintenance of lifts and escalators entrusted to the EMSTF by various government departments in each of the past three years?
3. What were the respective numbers of incidents involving failures of lifts and escalators under the repair and maintenance of the EMSTF in each of the past three years?
4. In recent years, lift and escalator projects relating to the Hillside Escalator Links and Elevator Systems and the Universal Accessibility Programme have been gradually completed. Will the repair and maintenance of these lifts and escalators be also entrusted to the EMSTF? Will there be a corresponding increase in the expenditure to be paid to the EMSTF?

Asked by: Hon LEUNG Hei, Edward (LegCo internal reference no.: 41)

Reply:

1. The numbers of lifts and escalators with repair and maintenance arranged by the Electrical and Mechanical Services Trading Fund (EMSTF) as entrusted by various government departments in each of the past three years are tabulated below:

Year	Number of Lifts	Number of Escalators	Total
2020	3 255	801	4 056
2021	3 305	806	4 111
2022	3 387	829	4 216

2. In general, government departments entrust the EMSTF to provide comprehensive repair and maintenance services for the electrical and mechanical (E&M) equipment of their venues and facilities through a service level agreement (SLA), and pay an annual fee to the EMSTF in accordance with the SLA. The annual fee covers the overall repair and maintenance of the E&M equipment, including electrical, mechanical, air-conditioning, building services, electronic systems, lift and escalator installations, etc. As the repair and maintenance of lift and escalators is part of the SLA, there is no separate breakdown of the expenditure involved.

3. The numbers of incidents involving major component failures of government lifts and escalators with repair and maintenance arranged by the EMSTF in each of the past three years are tabulated below:

Year	Number of Incidents Involving Major Component Failures ^{Note}		Total
	Lift	Escalator	
2020	1	0	1
2021	1	0	1
2022	0	0	0

Note: According to the Lifts and Escalators Ordinance, registered contractors are required to report incidents involving major component failures of lifts or escalators to the Electrical and Mechanical Services Department (EMSD), but for other minor component failures such as that caused by improper use of lifts or escalators by passengers or due to external factors, registered contractors will record the incidents in their log-books without reporting them to the EMSD.

4. Regarding the lifts and escalators under the Hillside Escalator Links and Elevator Systems and the Universal Accessibility Programme, the relevant government departments will, in general, entrust the EMSTF to arrange the necessary repair and maintenance, and the amount of fees to be paid to the EMSTF will be adjusted based on the number of new lifts and escalators entrusted.

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