

**CONTROLLING OFFICER'S REPLY TO
INITIAL WRITTEN QUESTION**

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Department

Programme: (1) Energy Supply; Electrical, Gas and Nuclear Safety

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Question: The Administration estimates that the number of liquefied petroleum gas (LPG) filling stations approved in 2008 will be zero, which will be lower than two number of LPG filling stations approved in 2007 and one in 2006. What is the reason for the difference?

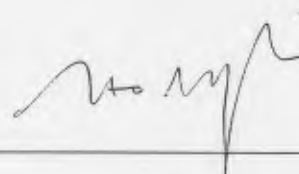
Asked by: Hon. EU Yuet-mee, Audrey

Reply:

The estimated number of LPG filling stations approved in 2008 is zero as there will be no new LPG filling station scheduled to be completed in 2008. The difference in the respective numbers of LPG filling stations approved in 2006, 2007 and 2008 is due to variance in completion schedule of new LPG filling stations from year to year.

At present, there are 58 LPG filling stations in the territory, the capacity of which is sufficient to meet the demand of LPG taxis and light buses. To make refilling more convenient for LPG vehicles, the Administration has a standing policy since 2000 to include LPG filling facility requirement in land sales for petrol filling stations, subject to safety requirements being met.

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