

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

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

Controlling Officer: Director of Electrical and Mechanical Services

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Question: Regarding liquefied petroleum gas (LPG) vehicle safety, the number of enquiries/complaints handled in 2007 greatly decreased as compared with that in 2006. What is the reason for the decrease?

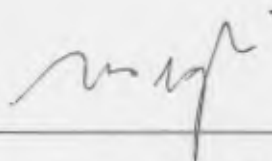
Asked by: Hon. LAU Kin-ye, Miriam

Reply:

The number of enquiries/complaints handled in 2007 decreased as compared with that in 2006 for the following reasons:

- (a) LPG fuel tanks used in vehicles require revalidation every five years. The number of LPG fuel tanks requiring revalidation in 2006, which matched with the five years interval, was about 8 400. This was reduced to about 1 900 in 2007. Hence, there was a corresponding decrease in the number of enquiries relating to the LPG fuel tank revalidation; and
- (b) The operation of LPG filling stations has improved since the implementation of the revised pricing adjustment mechanism for dedicated LPG filling stations in March 2006, resulting in a drop in the number of complaints in 2007.

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