

**CONTROLLING OFFICER'S REPLY TO
SUPPLEMENTARY QUESTION**

Head: 42 – Electrical and Mechanical Services
Department

Subhead:

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Question: In recent years, the Government encouraged vehicles running on the road to switch to use liquefied petroleum gas (LPG) with a view to improving air quality. With increasing number of vehicles switched to use LPG, the Government leased out sites for the construction of LPG filling stations, including dedicated and non-dedicated LPG filling stations. In this regard, would the Government advise:

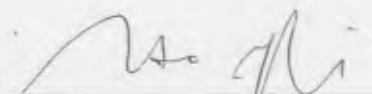
1. In the last three years, were there any approvals granted for the construction of new LPG filling stations? If yes, what is the number of LPG filling stations approved? If not, what are the reasons?
2. In the last three years, did the Administration approve the construction of any new dedicated LPG filling stations? If not, what are the reasons?
3. In 2008-09, does the Administration have any plan to lease out sites for the construction of new dedicated LPG filling stations? If not, what are the reasons?

Asked by: Hon. WONG Kwok-hing

Reply:

1. There were a total of eight new LPG filling stations completed in the last three years and all of them were approved. The breakdown is five stations in 2005, one in 2006 and two in 2007 respectively.
2. & 3. At present, there are 12 dedicated and 46 non-dedicated LPG filling stations in Hong Kong. They can support the entire fleet of LPG taxis and light buses. As such, the Administration has no plan to construct new dedicated LPG filling stations in 2008-09. Also, there was no approval for the construction of new dedicated LPG filling stations in the last three years. However, 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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