

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

Head: 42 – Electrical and Mechanical Services Subhead:
Department

Programme: (2) Mechanical Installations Safety

Controlling Officer: Director of Electrical and Mechanical Services

Director of Bureau: Secretary for Development

Question:

A number of lift incidents happened in 2008-09. The Electrical and Mechanical Services Department (EMSD) will step up inspection and enforcement actions to enhance the safety of lifts in 2009-10. Please advise;

- (a) The number of inspections for lifts and escalators will greatly increase to 9 930 in 2009-10. Will the Administration engage or allocate additional manpower resources to meet this new target? If yes, what are the details; if not, please explain why.
- (b) Please list out the establishment and strength of civil service staff by rank in 2008-09 for lifts and escalators under programme (2).
- (c) Please list out the number of Non-Civil Service staff by rank in 2008-09 for lifts and escalators under programme (2).

Asked by: Hon. LI Fung-ying

Reply:

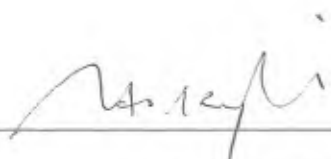
- (a) To strengthen EMSD's lift inspection team, Development Bureau has allocated additional resources to EMSD for recruitment of one Electrical & Mechanical Engineer and seven Inspectors. With this additional manpower, the level of inspection has been stepped up from the previous one-out-of-ten to one-out-of-seven, and the number of lift and escalator inspections in year 2009-10 will be increased to 9 930.
- (b) The establishment and strength of civil service staff for lifts and escalators safety under programme (2) in 2008-09 is 28 and 36 respectively. Detailed breakdown is given below -

Rank	Establishment	Strength
Senior Engineer	2	2
Engineer / Assistant Engineer	6	6 + 1*
Inspector	12	12 + 7*
Personal Secretary	1	1
Clerical Officer	1	1
Assistant Clerical Officer	2	2
Clerical Assistant	4	4
Total :	28	28 + 8*

* The staff strength has included the additional manpower resource (one Electrical and Mechanical Engineer and seven Inspectors) deployed to strengthen the lift inspection team.

- (c) In 2008-09, there were two Non-Civil Service Contract staff deployed for delivery of lifts and escalators related duties under programme (2), namely, one Community Organizer and one Lift Service Advisor.

Signature



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Date

20 March 2009