

**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
Secretary for Transport and Housing

Question:

According to the financial and establishment provisions, the Government will increase \$6.80 million expenditure under this programme in 2009-10. Please advise:

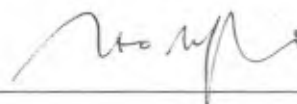
- (a) For the stepping up of lift inspection and the creation of two posts in 2008-09, what are the expenditures for these in 2009-10?
- (b) For the additional resources allocated to step up lift inspection, how would the Government use these resources to enhance the lift safety?
- (c) What are the responsibilities of the two posts that were created in 2008-09?

Asked by: Hon. IP Wai-ming

Reply:

- (a) The additional expenditure for the stepping up of lift inspection in 2009-10 is \$3.0 million. The two new posts created in 2008-09 are for enhancement of railway safety. The expenditure for these two posts in 2009-10 is \$0.9 million.
- (b) The additional resources are for recruitment of one Electrical & Mechanical Engineer and seven Inspectors, to strengthen the lift inspection team. The number of lift and escalator inspections in year 2009-10 will be increased from 7 502 to 9 930.
- (c) The two posts created in 2008-09 are one Senior Electrical & Mechanical / Electronics Engineer and one Electrical & Mechanical / Electronics Engineer or Assistant Electrical & Mechanical / Electronics Engineer for enhancement of railway safety. Their main responsibilities are to assist in developing and implementing additional safety monitoring measures, to monitor and conduct audits in relation to the safety-related activities in respect of the merger of the MTR and Kowloon-Canton Railway systems and to strengthen networking with overseas railway regulators and railway organisations.

Signature



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Date

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