

**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:

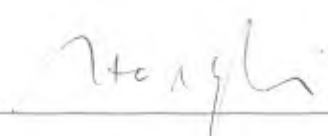
As stated in the matters requiring special attention in 2009-10, the Electrical and Mechanical Services Department (EMSD) will step up inspection and publicity efforts to enhance the safety of lifts and escalators. Apart from increasing the number of lift inspections and monitoring the registered lift contractors' performance, would EMSD have other measures in 2009-10 to enhance lift safety? If yes, what are the details and their associated expenditure?

Asked by: Hon. CHAN Tanya

Reply:

Apart from increasing the number of lift inspections and monitoring the registered lift contractors' performance, the Department will put in place a package of new measures to enhance lift safety in 2009-10. This includes review of the Lift and Escalator (Safety) Ordinance, enhancement of Code of Practice on Lift Works and introduction of improvement to the procurement practice. Additional resources are not required to undertake this package of new measures. The expenditure and workload will be absorbed by the existing resources.

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Date

20 March 2009