

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

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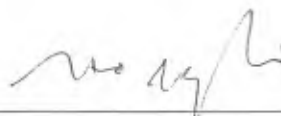
Question: Regarding liquefied petroleum gas (LPG) vehicles, please advise:  
(a) whether the number of LPG filling stations in Hong Kong will be increased in 2009-10. If so, what are the details?  
(b) What actions will the Electrical and Mechanical Services Department (EMSD) take in 2009 to reduce the waiting time for refilling of LPG vehicles?

Asked by: Hon. LI Wah-ming, Fred

Reply:

- (a) There are three new LPG filling stations scheduled to be completed in 2009. They are located in Yuen Long, Kwai Chung and Chek Lap Kok.
- (b) At present, there are 12 dedicated and 46 non-dedicated LPG filling stations in Hong Kong. They can support the entire fleet of taxis and light buses to use LPG as fuel. The queuing of LPG vehicles at some dedicated stations during shift-changing peak hours is due to a large number of LPG vehicles going to them for refilling concurrently. The Government has no plan to increase the number of dedicated stations at present. To make refilling more convenient for LPG vehicles, the Government 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. Moreover, the Government will continue to encourage LPG vehicle users to go for refilling during off-peak hours through the quarterly liaison meetings between the operators of dedicated stations and the LPG vehicle trades.

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