

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

Head: 42 – Electrical and Mechanical Services Department
Subhead:

Programme: (1) Energy Supply; Electrical, Gas and Nuclear Safety

Controlling Officer: Director of Electrical and Mechanical Services

Director of Bureau: Secretary for the Environment

Question: Regarding the indicators under this Programme, the Department will approve three liquefied petroleum gas (LPG) filling stations in 2009-10. Would the Administration advise:

- (a) the locations and the progress of these LPG filling stations; and
- (b) whether these new stations will be dedicated LPG filling stations.
- (c) Regarding the problem of long queuing time at the dedicated LPG filling stations, will the Government consider increasing the number of dedicated LPG filling stations to alleviate the problem? If not, what measures will the Government introduce to avoid long queuing at the dedicated LPG filling stations?
- (d) How many inspections of LPG filling stations did the Department conduct in 2008? How many warnings or prosecutions were made? If any, please list out the reasons for making warnings or prosecutions.

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Reply:

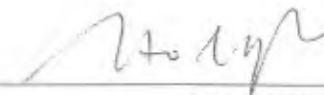
- (a) The three new LPG filling stations scheduled to be completed in 2009 are located in Yuen Long, Kwai Chung and Chek Lap Kok. The first two stations are under construction while the latter one is at the detailed design stage.
- (b) The three new LPG filling stations are not dedicated LPG filling stations.
- (c) 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.
- (d) There were 245 inspections of LPG filling stations in 2008. No warning or prosecution was made.

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