

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

Head: 42 – Electrical and Mechanical Services Subhead:
Department

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

Controlling Officer: Director of Electrical and Mechanical Services

Director of Bureau: Secretary for Security

Question:

Please provide the following information on the issue of nuclear safety:

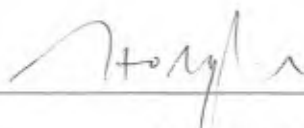
- (a) The number of nuclear emergency drills that the Electrical and Mechanical Services Department (EMSD) had participated during the past two years (i.e. years 2007 – 2009) and whether the expected results had been achieved?
- (b) Whether EMSD has a notification system in place, to inform various government departments and to respond when receiving alarms? If yes, what are the details?

Asked by: Hon. LI Wah-ming, Fred

Reply:

- (a) During the past two years (2007-08 and 2008-09), EMSD had participated in monthly drills on nuclear emergency communication. The drills had achieved the expected results to ensure the effectiveness of communication between EMSD and other participating parties during nuclear emergencies.
- (b) The government has an established framework under the Daya Bay Contingency Plan (DBCP) to deal with off-site emergency in the event of a nuclear accident. When receiving alarms under the DBCP, the Hong Kong Observatory would notify relevant government departments, and EMSD, as one of the participating government departments, would provide the necessary technical support according to the DBCP.

Signature



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Date

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