

**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 Transport and Housing

Question:

Regarding the indicators on mechanical installation inspections and incident investigation related to the transport sector, please provide the following information:

For those incidents investigated in 2008, please provide the details of every incident involving tramway and peak tramway. Is there any prosecution action taken? If so, what are the details?

Asked by: Hon. LI Wah-ming, Fred

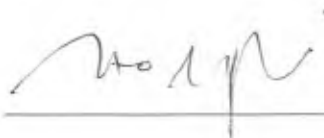
Reply:

In 2008, we conducted 12 incident investigations, out of which 11 were on tramway and one was on peak tramway. No prosecution action was taken for all the cases.

For tramway, seven cases were traffic accidents related to tram drivers, road vehicle drivers and pedestrians. Three cases were due to power supply equipment breakdown causing service disruption. The faulty equipment was immediately replaced. One case was the power collection component losing contact with the overhead line due to the tram driver not controlling speed properly. The Hong Kong Tramways Limited had enhanced its training for the drivers.

For peak tramway, there was one case of electronic component breakdown causing service disruption. Replacement was done immediately.

Signature



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