

**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:

In the section on “Matters requiring special attention”, the Electrical and Mechanical Services Department (EMSD) will step up inspection and enforcement actions, public education and publicity efforts to enhance the safety of lifts and escalators. In this connection, will the Administration advise:

- (a) regarding lifts and escalators safety, the number of inspections and enforcement work and the number of contractors/persons prosecuted and convicted in 2009-10, and
- (b) the details including the manpower arrangement and expenditure for stepping up inspection and enforcement actions, as well as public education and publicity efforts in 2010-11.

Asked by: Hon IP Wai-ming

Reply:

(a) In 2009-10, EMSD conducted 9 888 inspections for lifts and escalators. One contractor was prosecuted in two cases and convicted in both cases. One other prosecution case involving another contractor was heard in court but the proceedings have not been concluded.

(b) For stepping up inspection and enforcement actions to enhance safety of lifts and escalators, the target of 2010-11 is to maintain an one-out-of-seven inspection rate. The public education and publicity work plan in 2010-11 includes production of an API to enhance lift owners' awareness on safety requirements, conducting public seminars for lift and escalators owners and property management agents on managing lift and escalators maintenance contracts and arranging ambassador visits to schools on the safe use of lifts and escalators. To take forward these initiatives, one engineer and seven inspector posts will be created accordingly. The expenditure involved is about \$4.5 million.

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