

**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) proposes amendments to the Lifts and Escalators (Safety) Ordinance with a view to enhancing lift and escalator safety. In this connection, please advise details of the proposed amendments, consultation work, time schedule, manpower and expenditure in handling the work on the proposed amendments.

Asked by: Hon IP Wai-ming

Reply:

The proposed amendments to the Lifts and Escalators (Safety) Ordinance include the following four areas :

- (a) upgrading of the qualification requirements for registration as lift and escalator engineers;
- (b) introduction of a registration system for lift and escalator workers;
- (c) streamlining of existing regulatory processes; and
- (d) increase of the penalty level of offences under the Ordinance.

The 3-month public consultation on the proposed legislation amendments was completed on 28 February 2010. EMSD is studying the views and comments collected from the consultation and will duly consider them in formulating the proposed amendments. The Department plans to introduce the Bill to Legislative Council in early 2011 and will deploy internal resources to handle the related work on the proposed legislation amendments.

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