Examination of Estimates of Expenditure 2010-11

CONTROLLING OFFICER'S REPLY TO INITIAL WRITTEN QUESTION

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<u>Programme</u>: (1) Energy Supply; Electrical, Gas and Nuclear Safety

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Question:

Regarding the matters of LPG vehicles, please advise this Committee:

- (a) Will the Administration increase the number of LPG filling stations in Hong Kong? If yes, what are the details?
- (b) What measures will the Electrical and Mechanical Services Department take in 2010-11 to reduce the waiting time for refilling of LPG vehicles?

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Reply :

- (a) There will be three new LPG filling stations coming on stream in 2010. They are located at the Airport, Fanling and Stanley.
- (b) At present, there are 12 dedicated and 47 non-dedicated LPG filling stations in Hong Kong. They can meet the fuelling requirement of the entire fleet of taxis and light buses using LPG in Hong Kong. The queuing of LPG vehicles at some dedicated stations occurred mainly during shift-changing peak hours when a large number of LPG vehicles gathered there for refilling concurrently. To make refilling more convenient for LPG vehicles, the Government has a standing policy since 2000 to include the provision of LPG filling facilities in land sales requirement 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.

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