

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

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Question :

Given the incident of large numbers of liquefied petroleum gas (LPG) taxis stalling happened early this year, drivers suspected that it was related to the quality of LPG supply. However, the estimates on EMSD's inspections of vehicles and filling stations for 2010 are similar to those of 2008 and 2009. Please advise:

- (a) Will EMSD enhance the number of inspections on filling stations to ensure safety?
- (b) Will the inspection of filling station include LPG storage tanks, dispensing nozzles and petroleum fuel?
- (c) Will EMSD deploy more manpower and increase the expenditures on these two aspects?

Asked by : Hon. LAM Kin-fung, Jeffrey

Reply :

- (a) A number of measures have been put in place to strengthen the monitoring on LPG supply. Apart from site inspection, a random sampling scheme on LPG quality has been launched, under which samples of LPG from different filling stations will be collected on a random basis every week for laboratory testing. The estimated number of inspections on the approved LPG filling stations is projected on the basis of the number of approved LPG filling stations and planned quarterly inspections. The number of inspections will remain the same as there is no major change in the number of LPG filling stations.
- (b) The inspections aim to ensure gas safety and service quality, which involve the checking of the safety of LPG storage and filling facilities, LPG replenishing arrangement and operation of LPG filling facilities.
- (c) EMSD will conduct comprehensive reviews of the monitoring of supply and the quality of auto-LPG, with a view to strengthening the monitoring measures, and will deploy necessary resources to implement the strengthened measures.

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