

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

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Question :

- (a) In the financial year of 2010-11, what measures has the Administration implemented to enhance the safety of lifts? What is the expenditure?
- (b) Will the Government consider increasing the resources to step up the inspection for all lifts in Hong Kong in order to ensure the safety of lifts?

Asked by : Hon. Tanya CHAN

Reply :

- (a) In 2010-11, we continue to step up the level of lift inspection from one-out-of-ten to one-out-of-seven. In addition to stepping up lift inspection, we have gradually put in place a series of lift safety enhancement measures, including the enhancement of the Code of Practice for Lift Works, disclosure of lift contractors' performance, and strengthening of publicity and public education on lift safety. To strengthen regulatory control over the safety of lifts, we are working on a Bill to repeal the existing Lifts and Escalators (Safety) Ordinance (Cap. 327) with a view to introducing the Bill to the Legislative Council in mid-2011. The estimated expenditure involved in regulating and enhancing the safety of lifts and escalators in 2010-11 is about \$30 million.
- (b) Eight new posts comprising one engineer and seven inspectorate posts were created in 2010-11 to step up lift inspection and undertake other enhancement measures. We will deploy existing resources to continue the enhancement measures in 2011-12.

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