

Examination of Estimates of Expenditure 2011-12
**CONTROLLING OFFICER'S REPLY TO
INITIAL WRITTEN QUESTION**

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Programme : (1) Energy Supply; Electrical, Gas and Nuclear Safety

Controlling Officer : Director of Electrical and Mechanical Services

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Question : Regarding the work in relation to “investigation of gas incidents”, please advise

- (a) the work details, progress, manpower and expenditure involved in each of the past three years (i.e. 2008-09 to 2010-11); and
- (b) the future work plan, associated expenditure and manpower for this task; as well as the proportion of the resources involved within the estimates of the programme and the department.

Asked by : Hon. LEE Wing-tat

Reply :

- (a) Over the past three years (i.e. 2008 to 2010), the number of gas incidents investigated was 414, 392 and 345 respectively. Gas incidents were handled by a team of engineers and inspectors whose responsibilities cover a wide range of duties including inspection, investigation, public education and publicity. We do not have separate breakdown of manpower or expenditure involved in investigation only.
- (b) The number of gas incidents in 2011 is envisaged to be close to that of 2010. The Electrical and Mechanical Services Department will deploy the existing resources to handle the task. There is no separate breakdown of manpower or expenditures involved in investigation only.

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