

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

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Head : 42 – Electrical and Mechanical Services Department      Subhead (No. & title):

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

Controlling Officer : Director of Electrical and Mechanical Services

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Question : Regarding enlistment of competent persons for maintenance of liquefied petroleum gas (LPG) vehicles, 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);
- (b) the future work plan, associated expenditure and manpower for this task, as well as the proportion of resources involved within the estimates of the programme and the department;
- (c) the current total number of enlisted competent persons for maintenance of LPG vehicles in Hong Kong and the government's assessment criteria for the enlistment.

Asked by : Hon. LEE Wing-tat

Reply :

- (a) 23, 14 and 36 persons were enlisted in 2008, 2009 and 2010 respectively as competent persons for maintenance of liquefied petroleum gas (LPG) vehicles. Processing of applications for enlistment as competent persons for maintenance of LPG vehicles is undertaken by a team of engineers and inspectors. Responsibilities of this team cover a wide range of enforcement duties relating to LPG filling network, supporting infrastructure for LPG vehicles and revalidation of LPG vehicle fuel tanks. As such, there is no separate breakdown on manpower and expenditure involved for this particular task.
- (b) It is estimated that 15 persons will be enlisted as competent persons for maintenance of LPG vehicles in 2011. The Electrical and Mechanical Services Department will deploy existing resources to handle this task.
- (c) As at 28 February 2011, 1 076 persons were enlisted as competent persons for maintenance of LPG vehicles in Hong Kong. A motor vehicle mechanic who has at least three years of relevant working experience and has completed relevant LPG vehicle servicing course conducted by the Vocational Training Council or equivalent is qualified to be enlisted as a competent person for maintenance of LPG vehicles.

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