

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
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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 approval of fuel tanks in 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;
- (a) whether there is any standard or guideline for the approval of fuel tanks. If so, whether there is any review mechanism. What is the manpower and expenditure involved?

Asked by : Hon. LEE Wing-tat

Reply :

- (a) In the past three years, three types of liquefied petroleum gas (LPG) vehicle fuel tanks were approved. The approval of LPG vehicle fuel tanks was undertaken by a team of engineers and inspectors, whose responsibilities 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) The workload of this task will be minimal in the coming year as the anticipated number of new models of LPG vehicles to be introduced to Hong Kong will be limited.
- (c) The approval of LPG vehicle fuel tanks is processed in accordance with the requirements of the Gas Safety Ordinance (Cap. 51). Furthermore, the Electrical and Mechanical Services Department has established an in-house operational procedure for the approval of LPG vehicle fuel tanks in 2008. The procedure is subject to annual review. The review is conducted by the same team mentioned at (a) above and there is no separate breakdown on manpower and expenditure involved for this particular task.

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