

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

Director of Bureau : Secretary for the Environment

Question : As regards “Gas Safety”, please advise:

- (a) how many staff of the Electrical and Mechanical Services Department (EMSD) are now involved in gas safety related work; please state the manpower and expenses involved for each item under the “Gas Safety indicators”; and
- (b) whether any prosecution/disciplinary action/improvement notices in relation to gas safety have been carried out/issued against any people/organizations in the past five years (i.e. 2006-07 to 2010-11).

Asked by : Hon. WONG Sing Chi

Reply :

(a) There are altogether 73 staff members in EMSD who oversee gas safety. Their duties cover a wide range of gas safety related work including inspection, investigation, taking prosecution/disciplinary action, public education and publicity. We do not have separate breakdown of manpower or expenditures for individual work items.

(b) During the period from 2006 to 2010, the number of prosecution/ disciplinary action conducted/ improvement notices served in relation to gas safety were 300, 148, 297, 131 and 117 respectively.

Signature



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