

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

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Programme : (2) Mechanical Installations Safety

Controlling Officer : Director of Electrical and Mechanical Services

Director of Bureau : Secretary for Transport and Housing

Question:

For the matters of railway safety monitoring, please advise this committee:

- (a) What are the number of inspections in each railway line conducted by the Electrical and Mechanical Services Department (EMSD) in 2009 and 2010 respectively?
- (b) Why are the number of inspection of railway facilities/systems in 2010 (actual) and 2011 (estimate) less than that in 2009?
- (c) What are the number of cases requiring follow-up after inspection? What were the main problems involved?

Asked by : Hon. CHAN Hak-kan

Reply :

- (a) The number of inspections in each railway line for 2009 and 2010 are shown in the following table -

MTR Lines	2009	2010
Island Line	18	17
Kwun Tong Line	7	10
Tsuen Wan Line	18	19
Tseung Kwan O Line	11	6
East Rail Line	43	45
West Rail Line	23	4
Ma On Shan Line	4	8
Airport Express / Tung Chung / Disneyland Resort Line	9	6
Light Rail Line	10	14
Total	143	129

- (b) The number of inspections conducted in 2009 is more than that in 2010 (actual) and 2011 (estimate) because more inspections were conducted in the new Kowloon Southern Link (an extension of the West Rail Line to Hung Hom) and the Tseung Kwan O line extension, both of which were put into service in 2009.
- (c) There were altogether three cases in 2009 and 2010 that required follow-up after inspection. In general, they were not major problems and involved improvement works on electrical and mechanical equipment.

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