

**CONTROLLING OFFICER'S REPLY TO  
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Question: In 2011, the Electrical and Mechanical Services Department (EMSD) achieved 100% for targets on approvals for construction and use of liquefied petroleum gas (LPG) filling station within 30 working days and 12 working days respectively. Please advise the Committee on the numbers and locations of LPG filling stations approved for construction and use in 2011. What are the resources and expenditures involved in processing the approvals? Where are the locations of LPG filling stations intended to be applied for construction in 2012? What means do the Administration have for encouraging more new applications for construction of LPG filling stations?

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Reply:

In 2011, we received one application for use of liquefied petroleum gas (LPG) filling station which was located at Yuen Long. The construction approval of this station was granted in 2010. A new LPG filling station located at Tsing Yi is being planned for construction in 2012.

The approval process is 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 breakdown of manpower or expenditure involved in the approval process only.

The Administration has a standing policy since 2000 to include LPG filling facility requirement in land sales for petrol filling stations, subject to safety requirements being met. In addition, the Administration has recently conducted a site search and identified two potential sites on Hong Kong Island for the construction of LPG-cum-petrol refilling stations, and will consult the stakeholders about the two sites.

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