

**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: One of the matters requiring special attention in 2012-13 is that the department will implement a Continuing Professional Development scheme for registered electrical workers. Please advise the following:

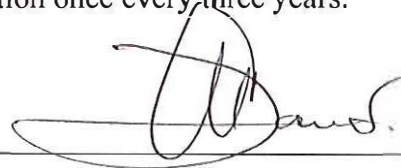
- a) The manpower and expenditure planned for the implementation of the scheme;
- b) The arrangement to have over 70,000 registered electrical workers to complete the training within 3 years;
- c) Whether the scheme would become a routine requirement. If yes, please advise the details.

Asked by: Hon. LI Fung-ying

Reply:

- a) The Electrical and Mechanical Services Department (EMSD) would utilize existing manpower and resources for the implementation of the Continuing Professional Development (CPD) scheme for registered electrical workers (REW). As such, no additional manpower and expenditure would be required.
- b) EMSD, apart from organizing CPD training courses for REWs by itself, would also collaborate with various organizations of the electrical trade, including workers unions, contractors associations, academic and professional institutions to arrange the required CPD training courses. The arrangement has received support from concerned parties and is expected to provide sufficient CPD training opportunities to REWs.
- c) The purpose of the CPD scheme is to refresh and update REWs on the safety and technical knowledge on electrical works in a systematic and continuous manner. In this connection, the scheme would become an on-going exercise so that all REWs will be arranged to complete the CPD training before the renewal of their registration once every three years.

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Director of Electrical and Mechanical Services

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