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Question:

For "the completed investigation of railway incidents" in 2011/2012, please advise this committee:

- (a) The number of people affected by the railway incidents;
- (b) The average time required to carry out the investigation of railway incidents; and
- (c) Has any punitive action been taken against MTR Corporation Limited (MTRCL) due to the railway incidents? If so, what are the details? And if not, what are the reasons?

Asked by: Hon. WONG Kwok-hing

Reply:

- (a) The Electrical and Mechanical Services Department (EMSD) is responsible for the safety aspects of railway system and does not have statistical data on the number of people affected by railway incidents.
- (b) The time required to complete an investigation into railway incident depends on the nature and complexity of the incident in question. In general, an investigation into minor incidents usually takes a few days to complete whilst it may take a few months to complete the entire investigation process for some complicated incidents.
- (c) Railway incidents investigated by EMSD in 2011 did not reveal any safety noncompliance with the existing requirements. Therefore no punitive action has been taken.

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