

**CONTROLLING OFFICER'S REPLY**

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Question (Member Question No. 417):

After the North Point lift incident, the Electrical and Mechanical Services Department (EMSD) has continuously enhanced inspections for lifts. The number of inspections for lifts and escalators had increased from 9 173 in 2012 to 10 564 in 2013, and the number of inspections in 2014 is estimated to be 11 800. In respect of the above increase in inspection work, will EMSD advise the increase in manpower in the past two years and the coming year?

Asked by: Hon. CHEUNG Kwok-che

Reply:

Since 2010, the establishment for lift and escalator inspection and incident investigation comprises one Senior Engineer, three Engineers, one Senior Inspector and 18 Inspectors. In 2014-15, one Engineer, one Senior Inspector and eight Inspectors will be added to the team to carry out additional lift and escalator inspections.