

**CONTROLLING OFFICER'S REPLY**

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Question (Member Question No. 171):

Regarding the work to ensure the enforcement of electrical and gas safety requirements, please advise:

- (a) The work details and the manpower and expenditure involved in each of the past five years;
- (b) The number of cases in each of the past five years where inappropriate work procedures were found with the LPG supply company concerned being advised to implement improvement measures and follow-up actions in accordance with the legislation or relevant regulations. Please list the figures by year and gas supply company;
- (c) How many cases in (b) above are repeat cases?

Asked by: Hon. CHAN Ka-lok, Kenneth

Reply:

(a) The Electrical and Mechanical Services Department (EMSD) is responsible for the regulation and enforcement of electrical and gas safety under the Electricity Ordinance, Cap. 406 and the Gas Safety Ordinance, Cap. 51. These responsibilities are undertaken respectively by the Electricity Legislation Division and Gas Standards Office of EMSD, which currently have a total strength of 150 staff including professional engineers, inspectors, etc. Duties of these divisions include registration of trade practitioners, inspection of electrical and gas installations and appliances, inspection and approval of gas installations, investigation into electrical and gas incidents, initiation of prosecution and disciplinary actions against non-compliant cases, and promotion of electrical and gas safety to the public and the trade. In the past five years, the average total recurrent expenditure for these two divisions was about \$99.62 million per year.

(b) and (c)

The number of cases in the past five years where inappropriate work procedures were found with the LPG supply company concerned being advised to take follow-up actions are set out below-

<u>Year</u>	<u>No. of Cases</u>
2009	0
2010	1
2011	4
2012	0
2013	2

There are no repeat cases in the above cases.