

CONTROLLING OFFICER'S REPLY**(Question Serial No. 4919)**

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Question (Member Question No. 177):

Apart from the regular drills of each year, the Electrical and Mechanical Services Department participated in the inter-departmental Daya Bay Contingency Plan Exercise in April 2012. In this respect, please advise:

- a) the details of the regular drills, expenditure and manpower involved, number of participants, accountable officers participated and their participation rate and effectiveness for each of the past five years;
- b) the number and details of the inter-departmental drills on Daya Bay Contingency Plan, expenditure and manpower involved, number of participants, accountable officers participated and their participation rate in the past ten years, to be listed out in respect of each drill;
- c) Will the inter-departmental Daya Bay Contingency Plan Exercise be conducted every year? If not, why?
- d) Is there any plan for the arrangement of the Daya Bay Contingency Plan Exercise? If yes, what are the details and schedule?

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Reply:

In the past five years, the Electrical and Mechanical Services Department (EMSD) has been participating in the monthly communication drills on nuclear emergency incidents, which include communication testing and computer system network testing. The numbers of EMSD officers taking part in these testing exercises were three and one respectively.

In the past ten years, apart from the above regular drills, EMSD had participated in an inter-departmental drill arranged in conjunction with the Hong Kong Observatory in 2010. The total number of EMSD officers participating in this drill was five. In addition, large-scale inter-departmental exercises based on the Daya Bay Contingency Plan (DBCP) and the overall Emergency Response System (ERS) are conducted in a cycle of every 3 to 5 years. EMSD had participated in the inter-departmental Daya Bay Contingency Plan (DBCP) Exercise co-ordinated by Security Bureau in 2012. The total number of EMSD officers taking part in this exercise was 15. As the participating officers also handled other duties concurrently, there is no separate breakdown on the expenditure and manpower involved for participating in the drills.

Related Government departments conduct internal or joint exercises based on the DBCP, to test out the action arrangements in the Plan in preparation of emergencies that may arise. EMSD will continue to participate in the relevant exercises and drills.