

**CONTROLLING OFFICER'S REPLY TO  
INITIAL WRITTEN QUESTION**

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Question:

- a. The Electrical and Mechanical Services Department (EMSD) commits to process a lift and escalator periodic testing certificate in 13 days. What are the current procedures for approving and issuing the certificate?
- b. Before issuing periodic testing certificates, would EMSD conduct sampling inspection on the acceptability of testing works carried out by the lift and escalator maintenance contractors? What is the sampling size of such inspection? In the past five years (i.e. 2008 to 2012), how many non-compliant testing cases were found?
- c. How many lift and escalator periodic testing certificates were issued last year (i.e. 2012)? How many cases were rejected?
- d. In the past five years (i.e. 2008 to 2012), how many disciplinary cases were taken against lift and escalator maintenance contractors with poor performance? What are the details of penalty in these cases?

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Reply:

- a. The current procedures for processing periodic testing certificates for lifts and escalators are as follows:
  1. The reception office will check each application in regard to whether the required information has been provided in the specified form, whether the testing certificate has been submitted with necessary payment made.
  2. The application will be verified by an engineer; and then endorsed by a Chief Engineer.
  3. The certificate if found in order and endorsed will be issued to the applicant.

