

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

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Programme: (2) Mechanical Installations Safety

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Question:

There are over 60 000 lifts in Hong Kong, and their machinery and functional performance will have direct implication on passenger safety. In order to enable the public to have a better understanding, and the Legislative Council to more effectively monitor the existing mechanism in repair and maintenance of lifts, so as to enhance public confidence in using lifts, would the Administration please provide the following information:

(1) The Electrical and Mechanical Services Department (EMSD) introduced the lift contractors' performance rating system in 2009, with the contractors' non-compliant items classified into five categories. Please provide the quarterly figures for the past four years (2009-10, 2010-11, 2011-12, 2012-13) in the table below.

		2010				2011				2012				2013
Quarter		1	2	3	4	1	2	3	4	1	2	3	4	1
Points Deducted	1-5													
	6-11													
	12 or above													
Warning Letters Issued	1													
	2													
	3 or above													
Removal from the Register														

(2) Please provide the numbers of inspections carried out, the numbers of registered engineers responsible for carrying out inspections, and the expenditures of the concerned staff establishment for the past three years (2010-11, 2011-12, 2012-13).

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Reply:

(1) The lift contractors' performance rating system is an administrative measure employed by EMSD to supplement the legislation enforcement works. The number of contractors with performance monitoring points deducted, with warning letters issued and removed from the Register in each quarter of the past four years are summarised in Table 1 below.

Table 1

Number of contractors		2010				2011				2012				2013*
Quarter		1	2	3	4	1	2	3	4	1	2	3	4	1
With performance points deducted	1-5	22	20	18	26	9	13	9	9	10	5	1	5	2
	6-11	13	14	12	11	9	16	11	13	10	10	8	9	4
	12 or above	0	4	1	0	1	1	2	0	2	4	2	1	2
With warning letters issued	1	3	5	3	4	2	4	1	6	6	5	3	1	1
	2	1	0	1	0	0	1	1	0	0	0	0	0	0
	3 or above	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
Removed from the Register		0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0

*Figures are up to 28 February 2013

(2) EMSD conducts sample audit inspections for lifts and escalators by adopting a risk-based approach. The numbers of lift inspections carried out in 2010, 2011, and 2012 were 7 617, 7 603, and 7 875 respectively.

The team responsible for carrying out audit inspections for lifts and escalators comprises one Senior Engineer, three Engineers and 19 inspectors, with the total expenditure for the past three years summarised in Table 2 below.

Table 2

	2010-11	2011-12	2012-13 [#]
Expenditure (in \$ million)	13.5	14.3	15.1

[#]Projected figure

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